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# Major stands by his ministers

Waldegrave and Lyell accused, but Scott says they acted in good faith

BY PHILIP WEBSTER AND NIGEL WILLIAMSON

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the Government of deliberate-

men to jail by blocking the release of documents. And it concluded that no British

arms reached either Iraq or

Iran during the conflict be-

tween the two countries in the

But it found that Mr

Waldegrave, Alan Clark and

Lord Tretgame had prevented details of a relaying of guide-lines on defence exports to Iraq becoming public. Minis-

terial answers in both Houses

the current state of govern-

failed to inform Parliament of

Simon Jenkins, P18

JOHN MAJOR was last night fiercely standing by ministers who were criticised for deceiving Parliament and under mining democracy in the Scott report on arms exports to Iraq. The Prime Minister let it be

known that he had no intention of sacking William Waldegrave, even though Sir Richard Scott found that he had deliberately kept MPs in the dark about a shift in the policy on trade with Iraq.

He was reported to be equally determined to defend Sir Nicholas Lyell, the Attor-ney-General, who was criticised over his approach to agging orders on information relevant to the prosecu-tion of three Matrix Churchill directors — a trial Sir Richard . said should never have taken

The judge said he could not accept that Sir Nicholas was not personally at fault, although he did not question the Attorney-General's belief that he was acting correctly.

night that they would not resign and claimed that the report had vindicated them — Mr Waldegrave said that Sir, Pname and my honour. Close aides to the Prime Minister said that Mr Major believed the two had acted honestly. sincerely and in good faith, and there was no question of his making any changes in his

ministerial team. The report's findings that no minister had acted in bad faith appeared last night to have

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spiracy or cover-up.

He accepted Sir Richard's Mr Waldegrave and Sir Nicholas 9 -Peter Riddell, P18 6 Sir Richard set

But Mr Lang came under immediate fire from Robin Cook, the Shadow Foreign Secretary, for refusing to lay any of the blame on ministers.

and put on the report. In his report, on an animals after its publication. In his report, on something side its publication. and Lord Trefgarne, a defence minister, had not changed the guidelines in 1988, although it accepted that none had acted.

with "duplicitous" intent. They were in any ordinary use of language agreeing on a change of policy," the report said Sir Richard also rejected as "sophistry" Mr Walde-grave's explanation that there had been no change in policy because no change had been announced. The word was one of those Mr Waldegrave had been most anxious to see

ment policy on the issue and amounted to playing games.

This failure was deliberate and was an inevitable result of the agreement between the after the draft was leaked last three junior ministers that no publicity would be given to the decision to adopt a more liberal, more relaxed policy or interpretation of the guide-lines, originally towards both tran and traq and later towards Iraq alone."

Later in the report, the judge said that "a failure by ministers to meet the obligations of ministerial accountability by providing information about the activities of their departments undermines, in my opinion, the democratic

Cabinet rules stated that ministers were under a duty not to deceive or mislead Parliament and the public, "In the course of the inquiry, example after example has come to light of an apparent failure by ministers to dis-charge that obligation." The unveiling of the report

produced some of the rowdiest lan Lang, the President of the Board of Trade, claimed that it had "totally vindicated" ministers and exposed no evidence of a Government con-

ernment policy on the export of "non-lethal military goods" had changed after the Iran-Iraq ceasefire in 1988 and MPs should have been told.

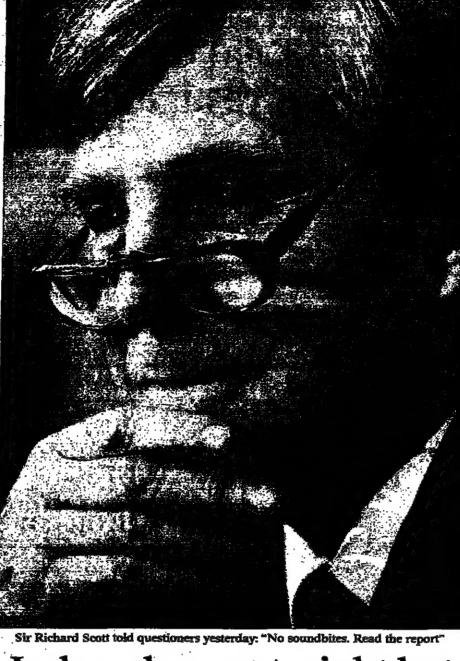
Mr Cook who had just spent three hours reading the report, said he did not recognise the version delivered by Mr Lang and Tony Blair said

excised from the final report

The judge said that in 27 letters to MPs, Mr Waldegrave had written in terms that were "apt to mislead", although he accepted that this was not intentionally so. "Parliament and the public were designedly led to believe that a stricter policy towards non-lethal defence exports and dual-use exports to Iraq was being applied than was in fact

the case, the report said. It went on to say that while the ministers had not been duplicitous, the guidelines themselves had beenm duplicitous because of their inbuilt flexibility. And it called for an urgent rethink on the ministerial practice of not giving information on arms exports. "Is it any longer satisfactory that Parliament and the British public are not entitled to be told to which countries and in what quantities goods such as

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# Judge plays a straight bat

WITH a twinkle in his eye, Sir Richard Scott yesterday played a straight bat to a press corps clamouring for swift judgments and sharp soun-

Asked whether anyone, including Government ministers, should resign, he said: That really isn't a matter for me. It is a matter for Parliament." Asked if his report fully exonerated Mrs Thatcher and her government of any wrong-doing, he responded: "Read the report. The answer is in-

the report." Pressed on whether he agreed with Mr Ian Lang's suggestion that his report proved there was no conspira-cy and no cover-up, Sir Rich-ard said: "I think that is a fair summary, but it is such a very express way of putting it." He added: "Any soundbite answer is bound to be a distortion of what I have taken care to express in the report." Sir

enjoying himself hugely, adopted a studied on the one hand ... but then on the other approach. Yes, Mr Waldegrave had given mis-leading answers and written Richard.



misleading letters. But his

future was a matter for Parlia-

"I don't know, I got bored after the first 2,000 pages"

Should the Minister apologise to Parliament? "I'm not going to advise Mr Waldegrave about manners, said Sir

Challenged on whether the Government's response, whiits good name", was an accurate reflection of how he saw the report, Sir Richard said: There are respects in which that can properly be said." But then that meant there were some respects in which that could not be properly said. Did he agree with Mr Lang's claims that there had

been no cover-up and no conspiracy? Well, the judge had listened carefully to the President of the Board of Trade and agreed with much of what he heard. But then he found himself "not quite agreeing with some of the things he said."

Difficult questions were brushed aside with a sugges Continued on page 2, col 5

Inflation falls

The annual rate of inflation

fell in January to its lowest

level since December 1994

because of mortgage rate cuts

and record discounts in the New Year sales. Headline

inflation dropped to 29 per

Yeltsin to run

President Yeltsin announced

yesterday that he will run for

re-election in June's presiden-

tial poll, ending months of

speculation about his future.

He said a Communist victory

would return Russia to the

darkest days of the Soviet

cent from 3.2...

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# The race was on but did they get away Scott free?

THE Government got off, but Scott-free has taken on a different meaning.

Mayhem ruled the Com-

mons press lobby for ten minutes from 3.30. "Please behave like adults," wailed a lady supervisor, as we fought for copies of the Scott report before the statement at 3.40. In came boxes the size and weight of five bricks.

Sweating attendants strug-gled with these as hacks clawed their way to the counter then staggered off to rip them open. Journalists bore aloft copies of the big green documents, like an army of leaf-cutter ants carrying away their booty, each to his electronic nest.

Down in the Chamber the hush was broken by grunts of concentration and the sound of MPs pawing the index for their own names. The Chamber was packed. Then, at 3.40, Miss Boothroyd fired ber starting gun. The race was on: a race to grab the advantage fast and hold it against all-

foreign affairs spokesman, Robin Cook, relished. He knew there was nobody in the Opposition who could do this as well as he - indeed, few wno could do il al all. Speed o comprehension; choice of ammunition; confidence of manner; command of the House. these qualities make Cook one of the best parliamentarians of his day. He struts, he frets, he thrusts and parries like a thing possessed.

As Ian Lang, the President

of the Board of Trade, commenced his statement, Cook became a demonic little ball of energy. His ginger hair all but stood on end, his brain in overdrive as he shuffled

underlining here, scribbling there and pacing foriously forward and back.

But Mr Lang got off to a strong start. This cool and understated character has storming form. Friends call it assurance, critics audacity; let

us say chutzpah. It galvanised the govern-ment benches which, by the end of Lang's speech, were bawling not for their own ministers' survival - they Cook's resignation. Listening to Lang one might have

Political Sketch

Matthew Parris

thought Sir Richard had been appointed to enquire into the probity of Mr Cook, and reported unfavourably. Lang sat down with the Opposition ubdued, the argument moving the Government's way.

Cook rose to a chorus of "Resign", and wrestled it to a halt. To Labour cries of "Oohi" and "Ahai", he flung down quotations from a reskimmed. It was done in the impressive sub-Churchillian style Mr Cook has made his own: a symphony of dark vocal dips and dives. By the time he sat down, it was Labour MPs who were howling for more, the Tories quiet. In the questions that fol

lowed. Lang fought back hard, rallying his own benches to an attack which soon lifted Tory spirits again, but it Continued on page 2, col 5

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# West End chaos after holdall bomb

STEWART TENDLER AND TIM JONES

AN IRA suspect bomb planted in the heart of London brought the West End to a standstill yesterday hours after the Provisionals confirmed their terrorist campaign against Britain would continue

Scotland Yard bomb disposal officers made safe the suspect device which had been left in a holdall in a telephone box at the junction of Charing Cross Road and Litchfield Street, near Leicester Square. The police sealed off a square mile of the capital and cleared. streets of cars and pedestrians after coded telephone warnings, which they described later as "imprecise".

The calls, which included one to the Samaritans in. Essex, began at 12.30pm and appeared intended to cause maximum disruption in the West End as tens of thousands of office workers began their lunch breaks. Shops, restaurants and public houses were in chaos as the police cordoned off the area and cleared

cluding tourists and families on school half-term breaks. Yesterday's incident came just hours after a statement from the IRA saying that its terrorist campaign would contimue "as long as necessary",

and six days after it ended its ceasefire with a huge bomb in the London Docklands. The discovery of the small device in the West End and the message from the IRA leadership dashed any lingering hope that last Friday's Docklands bomb was a one-off attack aimed at forcing concessions from the Government.

John Bruton, the Irish Prime Minister, said that the end of the ceasefire made restoring the peace process "immeasurably complex". Speaking after reports of the latest incident in London, he told Irish MPs that the key challenge facing Sinn Fein was to secure the restoration of the cessation of violence by its IRA allies.

In London, the police refused to comment on whether the hold-all had contained 11b

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# MI6 failed to relay information on Iraqi supergun

THE Secret Intelligence Service. MI6, failed to pass on tubes produced by a Midlands manufacturer were probably intended for use in the Iraqi supergun project, the Scott

Min knew as early as June 1988 that the tubes, made by Midlands-based Walter Somers, might be used as artillery gun barrels. In what Sir Richard Scott described as not relayed to the Restricted Enforcement Unit - a committee made up of representa-tives from Customs and Excise, intelligence agencies. and Whitehall departments to

He concluded that Mio's investigation into the Iraqi supergun project was "inadequate" and its report "misleading". Sir Richard stressed that if the Walter Somers information had been properly com-British companies in the supergun project would have been known by November 1989, at the latest

But he said there was evidence to suggest government officials suspected an "Iraqi long-range artillery project be under way before 1989

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October 1989, government officials had had information which raised suspicion that Walter Somers' tubes were intended for use as artillery gun barrels."

"Parliament could, and should, have been told this: the Trade and Industry Select Committee could, and should have been told this." Sir Richard accused the Government of misleading Parliament and failing to discharge its obligations of accountability to Parliament

### INTELLIGENCE ...

Trade and Industry Secretary. announced the seizure of gun parts at Teesport in Cleveland to the Commons on April 18. 1990, claiming that the Government had "recently" discovered the Iraqi supergun project. Sir Richard said this was a far more elastic use of the word "recently" than was

warranted by the facts. In fact, "recently" had re-placed "last year" during a meeting on the fourth draft of Mr Ridley's speech just hours Commons. "The change in the text is consistent with an attempt to avoid criticism of

the Secret Intelligence It went on to list eight examples, including deliber-ate non-disclosure of the existence of the Howe Guidelines on defence sales to Iran and Iraq, and answers to MPs' stions that represented "a ieliberate concealment from

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Sir Richard said a failure to meet the obligations of minis-terial accountability by providing information about the activities of departments undermined the democratic process. The report urged a practice whereby information about arms and defence-related exports need not be given

ing acted sooner than it did,"

the report said. "It is in my opinion clear that the world

recently was deliberately cho-

sen and that its use was apt to

Sir Richard said the inquiry had "disclosed a failure on a

number of occasions for prop-er use to be made of available

intelligence". Within the De-

fence Intelligence Staff, the

report said, there was a failure

ence received was brought to

the attention of the "Defence Sales" desk. "Within the For-

eign and Commonwealth Of-fice and the Description

Trade export licensing unit

there were periods when the relevant official was unable to

read intelligence reports because he had not yet re-

ceived the requisite security

Sir Richard identified three

intelligence reports — dated January 12, September 5 and October 6, 1989 — which did not reach the Defence Sales

desk because of failures in the

distribution system. The re-port referred to a problem with submissions to Ministers

by the Middle East depart-

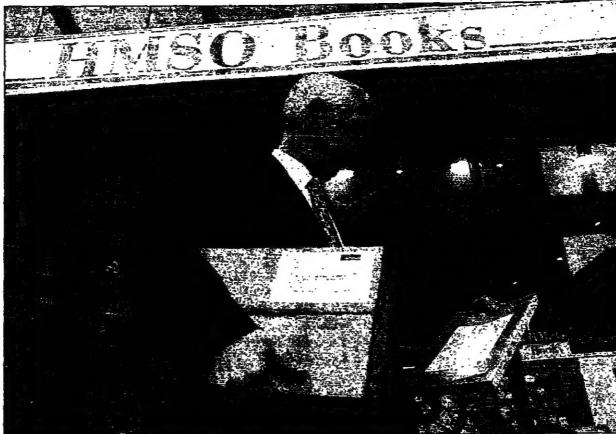
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regarding "opinions on intelli-

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to ensure that relevant intelli-



Paul Henderson outside the Stationery Office shop in Birmingham yesterday with his copy of the Scott report

# Trial collapse blamed on feeble investigation by customs officers

BY MICHAEL HORSNELL

THE collapsed Matrix Churchill trial that precipitated the Scott inquiry should never have taken place. Sir Richard Scott says in his report. Three senior executives of

the Midlands company were charged by Customs with exporting large quantities of machine tools to Iraq in

Government knew what they had been doing and that Alan Clark, the Trade and Industry Minister, had "encouraged' them to continue trading indicating with "nods and winks" that government guidelines had been relaxed. In his report, Sir Richard says the customs investigation of the anticipated defences of those charged was, in his

toms officers ought to have

investigated "more rigorous-ly" what Mr Clark told the

men at the meeting.

decision to prosecute had been taken. Paul Henderson, the former chief executive of Matrix Churchill, smiled as he bought his £45 copy of the report at the HMSO shop in Their defence was that the Birmingham yesterday. He said: "It has been a long wait and I'm glad to get this in my hands. This chapter in my life hasn't closed until today."

that preceded the preparation

was neither rigorous nor

By the time it took place, the

He said that he hoped the end of the inquiry would allow normality back into his life, but added: "I'll be study-ing the report, then I'll decide what action I shall take. I forgotten. I think they will fight and if I can do anything to help them fight I will. It has been very stressful." Trevor

the company and defendant, said he was pleased the report had concluded that the prosecution should not have been brought. "It vindicates the view that we expressed from the very first day of our arrest, he said.

There is a feeling that maybe the whole matter was just a television sitcom called Yes, Minister because no one as to accept responsibility clearly has gone on within Whitehall." Mr Abraham should hear some respon

lost their jobs as a result

bility for the people whe

said: "We are not going to lay down and die. This is only just the beginning for us. We are going to investigate

Sir Richard says the protestations that the defendants had been "encouraged" by Mr Clark was "never taken seriof the defendants' claim that the Government knew what Matrix Churchill was doing investigators did not believe

said that the Government of Many made no attempt to Presidential raministers or offici-the result a ne Defence Ministry-life for the discontinuous to receive the control of the discontinuous to variare and a pat if all relevant

workers spoke of their anger at the report and called the inquiry a whitewash. Phil gence reports, had been iden-tified by Customs and taken into account. "prosecution

# Sighs of relief but some doubts remain

vieries !

BY JILL SHERMAN

TORY MPs appeared to give the benefit of the doubt to William Waldegrave and Sir Nicholas Lyell last night although some said they would they had fully digested the

report.
MPs rallied around the Government shortly after being handed a crib sheet by Conservative Central Office on what their response should be on certain sensitive issues. But it was clear that many were uneasy about some of Sir

Richard Scott's conclusions. Some conceded that the Government would have had a much tougher time from its own backbenchers if an election had not been so near. "A year ago this would have been deeply damaging to the Prime Minister," one senior back-bencher said. "But with the meral election in the offing it is all too close now."

Many were relieved that the report had not been more critical of ministers and had cleared them of both conspiracy and knowingly risking innocent men going to jail. However, a backbencher who has threatened to rebel when the report is debated in ten days' time said: "There are a lot of things short of conspiracy which would be totally unacceptable. I will reserve judgment on how I will vote until next week.

Other backbenchers said they were worried that Sir Richard Scott had been highly critical about ministers' action and their failure to take responsibility for them.

Richard Shepherd, MP for Aldridge Brownhills, was one of the few MPs to publicly criticise the Government. He gave no indication how he made clear that he was unhan py with ministers' behaviour. What is the point of parliamentary democracy if ministers deliberately fail to answer parliamentary questions betion?" he asked.

The executive of the 1922 backbench committee met shortly after Ian Lang's statement and agreed that the position of the ministers was secure for the moment. It is understood that some members of the executive, however, were worried that on closer reading of the report other issues might emerge. Mr Lang has been invited to address the committee next Thursday.

Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith. a vice-chairman of the 1922 Committee, said: "I am delighted for the sake of the honour of our parliamentary system that there was no question of any ministers seeking to let innocent men go to nor was there any question of deliberate deception." Supporters of William Waldegrave were confident that he would survive. The

report shows that he acted in good faith," said Ian Taylor, unior minister for Trade and Industry and a former parliamentary private secretary to

Mr Waldegrave.
Allies of Sir Nicholas Lyell gave a robust defence of the Attorney-General's failure to tell the court personally about Mr Heseltine's criticism of immunity certificates. The information was relayed via officials, they said.



Shepherd: unhappy with ministers' behaviour

# Scott coy

Continued from page I tion that we should read the report - a little rich given that ournalists had only had the five volume document in our hands for 45 minutes and the judge himself had complained about the lack of earlier access for MPs and the media.

One question was dismissed with "when did you stop beating your wife." Asked if anyone should "carry the can", Sir Richard said it was a convenient obrase, but wondered what it meant.

Only once was the urbane, smiling Sir Richard lost for words. When told by an overenthusiastic journalist that "the entire world" was listening to his words, even beneath the naturally ruddy complexion of a hunting man it was possible to detect a slight blush.

Briefly, Sir Richard got serious. Asked what he hoped his report would achieve, he said: I hope it will assist the movement towards more openness in government and a reduction of what has sometimes been called "the culture of secrecy in Whitehall".

Sir Richard said his report would inevitably become "a political football ... The start and that is going to go on."
Asked whether there had been attempts to impede his inquiry, he said: "If there were, I think they failed."

Mostly, he seemed relieved that it was all over and his report was now the concern of others. He apologised that he had not produced a summary to make everyone's lives easier reached a point of writing fatigue after 1,800 pages and could not face the idea of writing any more.

He sounded almost demob happy; like a man about to go on holiday, which is exactly what he is doing. Today he begins a week-long break in Ireland before returning to "normal life" as Vice Chancellor of the Supreme Court.

# Major stands by ministers in arms-to-Iraq row

Continued from page I artillery shells, land mines and cluster bombs have been licensed for export?"

At his press conference yesterday, the judge said that he had found himself "not quite agreeing with some of the things" Mr Lang had said. Asked how the Government could claim that he had exonerated ministers from deliberately misleading Parliament when his report specifically used the word "deliberately". Sir Richard said: "I drafted that paragraph very carefully. The words in the report and not the Government's interpretation reflected his

On the Matrix Churchill case, Sir Richard said he could not accept that Sir Nicholas Lyell 'was not personally at fault" for the failure to brief the trial prosecutors of Michael Heseltine's reluctance to sign a PII certificate withholding vital information from the

Sir Nicholas had promised Mr Heseltine that his concerns would be relayed to the trial judge. The issues that had been raised by Mr Heseltine's stand on the PII certificate did not fall into the category of mundane, routine, run-of-the-mill issues that could properly be left to be dealt with by officials in the Treasury Solicitor's Department without the Attorney-General's supervision," the

report said. He added: "I would not have expected Mr Heseltine, a non-lawyer, to have articulated them. But I would have expected the Attorney General to have done so. I would have expected him to recognise that important constitutional and ensured that Mr Moses, whose responsibility was to place the issues fairly before instructed so that he could discharge that responsibility."

Both Sir Nicholas and Mr

Waldegrave insisted last night that they would not resign. Sir Nicholas said: The Scott inquiry has made it clear in its report that accusations that ministers signed PII certifi-cates in order to suppress information and were prepared to see innocent men sent to prison are completely false and without foundation. My advice to ministers on PII was fully in accordance with the law as it then stood.

"Mr Heseltine's PH certificate was specially redrafted to emphasise that the final decision on whether documents should be disclosed was for the court. Although prosecuting counsel's instructions did not include my corres-pondence with Mr Heseltine, the system operated exactly as it was intended to do. Every document was shown to the

judge."
Mr Waldegrave insisted that Sir Richard had cleared him of lying to Parliament or intending to mislead anyone in letters I signed. He also proves beyond doubt that I did not connive in allowing machine tools for arms manufacture to go to Iraq: he says I would have stopped them going if certain intelligence reports had reached me. I am grateful to Sir Richard for listening carefully to what I said to him, above all for accepting my good faith.

at all because he has cleared

# Lang steals Labour thunder

Continued from page 1 never quite regained the force it had before Cook ruse.

The Liberal Democrats' Menzies Campbell questioned shrewdly Labour's Gerald Kaulman, who had now found himself in the index inter-

The former Chief Whip, Sir Timothy Renton, found so many references to himself that he had to summarise. The action settled down to the familiar ding-dong, tension having passed its high-water

Ministers survive. But if

Lang had stumbled during his first, critical quarter-hour, or if Cook's counter-attack had failed as Neil Kinnock, after Westland, once failed) things would be different. They are now set, and no broadcasting studio will change them. The Chamber does matter.

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The inquiry has cleared my name and my honour. I am grateful to Sir Richard'

# No resignation as minister hails his absolution

THE Cabinet minister inost widely expected to face calls for his resignation. William Waldegrave, was cleared by the report of deliberately misleading Parliament.

An ebullient Mr. Waldegrave, the Chief Secretary to the Treasury, said in a series of interviews last night that he had never regarded his role as a Foreign Office Minister in the arms-to-Iraq affair as a resignination issue.

He has cleared my name and my honour," he said on ITN last night. "Sir Richard has said in clear terms I had no intention to mislead."

The Scott report absolved Mr Waldegrave of any "duplicity" in the decision to relax the rules after the Iran-Iraq conflict. Sir Richard said that he was struck by the sincerity of the minister's evidence.

Mr Waldegrave said in a prepared statement: "Sir Richard Scott clears me of lying to Parliament or intending to mislead anyone in letters signed. He also proves beyond doubt that I did not connive in allowing machine tools for arms manufacture to go to lraq: he says I would have stopped them going if certain intelligence reports had. reached me. I am grateful to

The report said that letters

Waldegrave which stated that

there had been no change in the arms sale policy. It states: "Mr Waldegrave knew, first hand, the facts that, in my opinion, rendered the no change in policy statement untrue. I accept that, when he signed these letters, he did-not regard the agreement he had reached with his fellow minis-ters as having constituted a

change in policy towards Iraq.
In his evidence to the inquiry, he strenuously and consistently asserted his behel, in the face of a volume of, to my mind, overwhelming idence to the contrary, that

policy on defence sales to Iraq had, indeed, remained un-changed. I did not receive the impression of any insincerity on his part in giving me the evidence he did. But it is clear, in my opinion, that the policy on defence sales to Iraq did not remain unchanged."

During his evidence Mr Waldegrave had said that Britain had been deceived into exporting equipment capable of manufacturing armaments in breach of export guidelines. These had never been covertly changed, he said. "After the cessebre the Poreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe authorised an approach to the guidelines which allowed a little increased flexibility in the control of industrial equipment such as machine tools. "It did not extend to weap

ons of war. Full hindsight shows us that the Iraqis decrived us about the end use to which some of these exports were being put." A key aspect of the revised

guidelines, the report said, was to release from the embargo equipment whose military value was primarily defensive. To describe this revised formulation as no more than an interpretation of the old, is, in my opinion ... so plainly mapposite as to be incapable of being sustained by serious

argument," the report said. from Mr Waldegrave which said ministers agreed in Feb-ruary 1989 to interpret the export guidelines more flexi-bly. They had decided to refuse orders for non-lethal significant assistance in warfare in breach of the ceasefire.

Sir Richard said that the terms of Mr. Waldegrave's letters were likely to mislead their readers about the policy on export sales to Iraq. "Mr although I accept that he did not intend his letters to be misleading and did not regard them."



William Waldegrave arrives for a Cabinet meeting in Downing Street yesterday

# Sacrificial lamb refuses to be led to slaughter

BY FRANCES GIBB LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Attorney-General seized on the Scott report last night as vindication of his role in advising ministers to withhold crucial documents from defendants in the Matrix Churchill

Sir Nicholas Lyell. QC. the minister most expected to be savaged, said the report made clear that accusations "that ministers were prepared to see innocent men sent to prison are completely false and without foundation". The Attorney-General also rejected Sir Richard's criticisms of his view of the law in a move

designed to stave off any calls for his resignation. He said: "My advice to ministers on public interest immunity was fully in accordance with the law as it then stood." That advice, he added, was supported by court judg-ments and the opinion of three leading lawyers.

Sir Richard Scott's report is strongly critical of Sir Nicholas on two grounds: first, his view that ministers were under a duty to sign public interest immunity certicates so as to prevent disclosure of Churchill trial; and second, that such claims for whole classes of documents were iustified in criminal trials.

The claims rested "on shaky ground", the report says. The Attorney-General's view "had no authoritative precedent in a criminal trial". Sir Richard adds that some of the documents covered by the certificates would not in my view have been warranted by any of the judicial authorities".

The proposition that a minister is ever under a legal duty to claim personal interest immunity in order to protect documents from disclosure to the defence nothwithstanding that in the minister's view, the public interest requires their disclosure to the defence is, in my opinion, based on a fundamental misconception of the principles of Pil law."

He concludes: "In my opinion, the view of the law on which the making of the PII class claims in the Matrix Churchill case was based was unsound" and without "clear

LYELL

prior judicial authority". Sir Nicholas said the findings were in "direct conflict" with the accepted view. "My advice to ministers on PII was entirely in accordance with the law as it then stood.

'Ministers had a duty to claim PII whenever there was a public interest in non-disclosure of a document. It was for the court to weigh that public interest against the interests of justice and to decide on what documents should be dis

Sir Nicholas, along with



Lyell: said he had been vindicated by report

been widely predicted to be-come the sacrificial lamb of the inquiry. Last night, with the strong backing of the Cabinet, it looked as if he would survive.

It was Sir Nicholas who, as the Government's chief law officer, insisted that ministers had not a choice but a duty to sign public interest immunity certificates to withhold evidence which turned out to crucial to the defendants in the Matrix Churchill trial.

A quiet unassuming man, Sir Nicholas had been fingered by his more politically combative colleagues as the obvious scapegoat. But he maintained throughout that he acted throughout in good that what he did was correct.

# Home Secretary was concerned over security services

BY ANDREW PIERCE

KENNETH CLARKE, whose decision to sign public interest immunity certificates swaved a reloctant Michael Heseltine into the course of action, had acted to protect the national interest, the Scott report concluded. While the report criticises the use

of the certificates, which have been called gagging orders; the ministers had acted in good faith when they signed them. The report criticises the legal advisors who failed to give the

proper advice to Mr Clarke, who was then Home Secretary then Home section to had the report said to had signed two portion bombs to he mought be wanted to the foundation of the related four said to the

cates because of the public interest in keeping the workings of MI5 and MI6 secret. Mr. Clarke told the

inquiry: "It was then open to the judge to decide whether was a competing public interest." But Sir Richard's report said: "He

Mr Clarkel did not have sufficient details of the likely lines of defence (at the Matrix Churchill trial) to was content to leave the defen interests in obtaining disclore to be dealt with by the judge." As for the sensitivity of the documents, which the legal advisers

wanted withheld from the court, the

**Prime Minister** 

report said that Mr Clarke's legal adviser wrote: "It was not necessary for the Home Secretary to read every document in the bundles but he might like to glance at them so as to get their flavour.

The report said Mr Heseltine, then President of the Board of Trade, was "uneasy about signing the certifi-cates unless the Home Secretary was content". Mr Clarke was again advised that disclosure of the docuwas against the national interest. "Mr Clarke marked the submission 'content' and signed the certificate accordingly."

Mr Clarke, speaking on Sky Television, said that Opposition claims of a conspiracy to put inno-cent men behind bars had been exposed as "bunkum". "There is no part of this report which attacks the integrity of a minister." Mr Clarke Matrix Churchill prosecution should not have been brought. But Sir Richard's similar conclusion had also been "made with hindsight", he said.

# Jet sales memo revealed bias towards Iraqis

By JONATHAN PRYNN

JOHN MAJOR should have known that the Government's stance towards defence equipment sales to Iran and Iraq had secretly shifted after he was briefed on the sale of Hawk jets to Iraq on July 25, the Scott report

The official brief, received during Mr Major's first days as Foreign Secretary, told him that "since the ceasefire in August 1988, the guidelines have been applied with greater flexibility for Iraq". It added: "Our public presentation of our policy on arms supplies to both countries has. however, stayed broadly the

Sir Richard says that "this briefing did, as it seems to me, put Mr Major on notice that favourable treatment than Iran so far as export licensing of defence equipment was concerned, a state of affairs that in my opinion calls into question a continuing stance of impartiality." The report absolves Mr

Major from any knowledge of the wider implications of the wording of the briefing. As a this was sufficient to justify result, letters to MPs signed by Mr Major stating that there had been no changes in the MPs, to members of the Howe guidelines were not deliberately misleading.
I do not doubt Mr Major's

was not told of policy change

letters believing the state-ments they contained to be accurate, but I do not accept rate," the report concludes. In his evidence to the Scott inquiry in January 1989, Mr Major had insisted that the concluded.

Hawk briefing had contained only a "fleeting reference" to the guidelines and had not spelled out what they were or whether they had been nothing to Downing Street At no time during his spells

as Chancellor, Foreign Secre-tary or Prime Minister had he been involved in the "consideration, amendment or interpretation" of the guidelines, he told Sir Richard. Iraq in April 1989. "I have no reason to believe,

on the advice I received at the time, or the documentation I have subsequently seen, that there was any shift away from the intrinsic impartiality in the

The report refers to Lord Howe's justification for with-holding information about the relaxation of the guidelines as the impact on foreign rela-tions. Sir Richard doubts that the repeated provision to Parliament and, via the letters to public, of information about eliberately masteading.

"I do not doubt Mr Major's vidence that he signed the tain respects misleading."

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MARGARET THATCHER was not told about ministerial changes to the Howe guidelines on export sales to Iran and Iraq, even though she had specifically asked to be kept informed, the Scott report

She had demanded to be "kept very closely in touch at every stage and consulted on all relevant decisions. There were three junior ministers concerned but they passed

about the new approach.

As a result, she inadvertently gave an "inaccurate and misleading" answer to a parfiamentary question from a Labour MP on defence sales to

The then Prime Minister's "according to the relevant circumstances."

was that "the Government A letter written by Lady have not changed their policy on defence sales to Iraq" and that export licences would be considered on a case-by-case basis in accordance with the

1985 guidelines. The report exonerated Lady Thatcher of any knowledge of the change of policy between December 1988 until a July 1989 paper on the sale of Hawk jets to Iraq, as she "had not been kept abreast of the

Scott added: "I am satisfied that prior to her reading of the ... Lady Thatcher would not

ministers' agreement and that she had been neither consulted nor kept in touch as she

Yesterday's report also appears to back Lady Thatcher's insistence, during her spoken evidence to the inquiry in December 1993, that she had seen none of the documents that related to the shift of

before me I have never seen, I was concerned with the big issues," she told Sir Richard in her evidence.

She also said that the guidelines had not been "strict law" and that they would have had to be applied by officials

A letter written by Lady Thatcher in August 1989, after she had been briefed on the Hawk project, also insisted that the policy of impartiality between Iran and Iraq had been maintained.

However, although she "can be said to have been placed on notice" about the more liberal approach to Iraq, "I do not think Mrs Thatcher can be blamed" if she did not recall the implications of the July 1989 briefing paper, the Scott

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# Innocent who pointed the finger

BY ALKE THOMSON POLITICAL REPORTER

MICHAEL HESELTINE emerges with his reputation fully intact. According to the Deputy Prime Minister, who gave a dramatic account to the Scott inquiry, he was the only minister to express serious reservations about signing an immunity certificate. The report makes clear that he was more scrupulous than the rest and igned only when forced by the Attorney-General. It says: "Mr Heseltine was of the clear view that the DTI documents ought

not to be withheld from the defence." He originally refused to sign because it would look use a government coverage withholding documents, why not the rest? largely followed those of the Nolan rie said ne deneveu the desermants in the will indicate the many into standards in public life.

Mr. Heseltine made no attempts to water inquiry into standards in public life.

papers and it would have been terrible if innocent men went to jail because the papers were not disclosed. Very reluctantly, the report says, Mr Heseltine — as Trade President — signed a heavily watered down PII certificate. Later he said that he would resign if strongly

criticised in the report.

The fact that he queried the order embarrassed Kenneth Clarke, Malcolm Riskind and the Foreign Office Minister Tristan Garel-Jones, who all claimed PIIfor departmental papers. If Mr Hesehine would look like a government "cover-up". found it necessary to raise doubt about

down his statement to Sir Richard and he heavily implicated Sir Nicholas Lyell. The Westland affair - featuring the infamous leak of advice to Mr Heseltine from a Solicitor-General — may have

given him a certain view about the workings of the law officers. His stance was the first step in his comeback as a possible contender to John Major after a misjudgment over pit closures. His performance in the dock showed he was a survivor in the Whitehall jungle.

As Deputy Prime Minister, Mr Heseltine has been forced to defend the Government's position, repeatedly saying that it would not be obliged to follow the Scott recommendations in the same way it

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# Scott report: Commons hears Tories fight off resignation calls

# Lang and Cook clash over who is guilty of what

JAMES LANDALE, POLITICAL REPORTER

THE three-year inquiry into the arms-to-Iraq affair by Sir Richard Scott "totally vindicated" the role of Government ministers, MPs were told

mons, lan Lang, the President of the Board of Trade, said that Sir Richard proved there had been "no conspiracy and no cover-up". He said: "This conclusion gives the lie to the many scurrilous comments made by Labour MPs and by many in the media."

Arnid chaotic scenes, his statement was repeatedly interrupted by Labour MPs who waved copies of the report and shouted "Guilty" at the Tory front bench.

Mr Lang said the main reason for setting up the inquiry was the "grave allegaon" that ministers, by signcertificates (PIIs), had conspired in a way which could have sent men to prison.

"Sir Richard Scott's report demonstrates that this allegation is false and without foundation," he said, "Sir Richard Scott concludes, after over three years of painstaking investigation, that all min-isters who signed PII certificates did so without impropriety. There is no criticism of them for so doing. There was no attempt to gag. There was no conspiracy to

iail innocent men." Mr Lang said that for three vears several ministers had endured "repeated abuse and attacks upon their honour and and unpleasant nature over their signing of the PII certifi-



certificates and that such certificates were applicable in criminal cases. The Attorney-General took advice on this from independent and eminent counsel, and the Government's handling of

Pil was endorsed by three

defence counsel in the Matrix Churchill trial. In his report, Sir Richard Scott does not in any way question the personal integrity of the Attorney-General. He does, however, express criticism of the adequacy of the instructions to prosecuting counsel conveying the views of Board of Trade [Michael Heseltinel, and in particular that the Attorney-General should personally have super-

"It must be a matter of opinion whether that was something which the Attorney-General could reasonably have been expected to do. Sir the genuineness of the Attorney-General's belief that it The Government remains

firmly of the view that the advice given at the time to ministers by the Attorney-General was correct and there is no doubt he acted throughout with complete propriety and integrity.

whether the Government's



Ian Lang, flanked by John Major and Michael Heseltine, delivering his statement to the Commons yesterday

military-related goods to Iran and Iraq had changed, Mr concludes that, following the ceasefire in 1988 but not before, Government policy towards the export of non-lethal military goods changed in a way which, he believes, should have been drawn to the

attention of the House. Both ministers and officials believed at the time that they were applying policy in a way which remained within the existing guidelines, and Sir Richard expressly accepts that they were sincere in doing so.

"However, he does not

agree that they were correct in their belief. On this basis, he concludes that a number of ministers' letters and answers to parliamentary questions were inaccurate because they restated what ministers understood to be the policy but which Sir Richard believes, in retrospect, had changed. The crucial issue is wheth-

er these junior ministers intended to mislead this House and the country. Sir Richard gives an unequivocal answer ministers believed they were guidelines on the sale of avoiding a formal change to the guidelines and that, in holding this belief, they had, to

On the specific case of William Waldegrave, the Chief Secretary to the Treasury, who at the time was a junior Foreign Office Minis-ter, Sir Richard believed that letters to be misleading and did not so regard them. To Tory cheers, Mr Lang declared: "Mr Waldegrave is



Cook: called on Major to sack ministers

therefore absolved of the charge that he intended to

House or anyone else." Mr Lang admitted that there were lessons to be learnt from the Scott report and said the Government would consider its recommendations.

For Labour, Robin Cook, the Shadow Foreign Secre-tary, challenged the Prime Minister to sack ministers whom Sir Richard felt had failed to discharge their obligations of ministerial responsibility to the Commons. He said that the Scott report clearly proved that ministers changed guidelines on defencesales to Iraq and repeatedly refused to admit it to

Mr Cook asked: "Are you really going to ask the House to accept a report that over five volumes demonstrates how this Government misiudged Saddam Hussein, misled MPs and misdirected the prosecution, and then tell us that none of them is going to accept responsibility for getting it

"Will he tell us whether the Government will dismiss those ministers who in the opinion of Sir Richard failed to discharge the obligations of ministerial accountability to the House? Will you take those steps which are now essential if they [the Government] are to be trusted in office?"

After putting a series of questions to Mr Lang, Mr Cook said: "I warn you, if you fail to answer these questions, this Government will forfeit any right to remain in office. You have just made a statement in which you lay blame on the Opposition, blame on the official advice, blame on the system, but accept no blame for ministers. I have to say the public outside will not find that a credible

response to such a serious

"I have spent the last three hours studying this report, and it fully vindicates our two central charges: that ministers changed the guidelines on the defence sales to Saddam Hussein; and that they repeatedly refused to admit that either to Parliament or to the courts."

Mr Cook said that Mr Lang had accepted what many government witnesses at the Scott inquiry tried to deny: that the guidelines on defence sales were changed and that the Government failed to inform Parliament of the change.

"Now you have accepted that conclusion, will you ac-cept Sir Richard's conclusion that this was deliberate and the result of three ministers agreeing to give it no publicity? The reason they gave it no didn't want the public outrage Mr Cook challenged Mr

Lang: "Are you really going to ask us to accept a report that shows that the current Trea-sury Chief Secretary [Mr Waldegrave] sent 27 letters to MPs which were misleading and which he was in a position to know were misleading, and he remains in office as if this report had never been pub-lished? .

"Are you really going to ask us to accept a report which show that the Attorney-General [Sir Nicholas Lyell] wrongly advised ministers, failed to tell the court that at least one minister signed under protest and then say he can stay in

Mr Cook concluded: "This report reveals the price Britain pays for a culture of secrecy in government. It documents how ministers changed the guidelines but were more wy Pre ried that MPs and the pf might find out than

challenged Mr Cook to apolo gise or resign. For the last three years, week after week. month after month, you have fed the House and the press and the public a sour stream of invective, innuendo and invention," he said. "It has been one of the most odious campaigns of manipulation and black propaganda that the House will be able to recall."

For the Liberal Democrats, Menzies Campbell said it was "blindingly clear" from the report that "the Government stands condemned . . . of deliberately failing to inform mem-bers of Parliament and Parliament itself of a fundamental change in policy and a consistent failure to discharge its constitutional respons-

He said the Attorney-General had given "wrong legal advice" on the PIIs. "How can the House and the public have confidence in him? How can anyone have confidence in the present Chief Secretary to the Treasury when ... his views are rejected by Sir Richard Scott as 'misleading', 'not corresponding with reality and 'sophistry'?"

Mr Lang replied: "What you are asking the House to believe is that Mr Waldegrave, along with two other ministers, single-handedly changed government policy without telling his own Secre-tary of State, against the advice of many of his officials. sustained that change for several years with no one know That is palpably incredible and Sir Richard

# Woman who sailed on Titanic dies at 91

Survivors of the Titanic disaster paid tribute yester-day to Eva Hart, who has died aged 91. Miss Hart is pictured right shortly after she and 704 other people were rescued when the liner went down on her maiden voyage in 1912 Miss Hart, from Chadwell Heath, east London, who died on Wednesday, was seven when the supposedly unsinkable lin-er hit an iceberg 500 miles off Newfoundland. Her father was one of the 1,523



grave to bonour his memory. Her autobiography, Shadow of the Titanic, was published recently. She was appointed MBE in 1974. The disaster's youngest survivor, Millvina Dean, 84, said: "Miss Hart was an extremely nice woman and I shall certainly miss her". Edith Haisman, 99, from Southampton, the oldest survivor, expressed her sympathy to Miss Hart's family. determined that the wreck si

# Vegetarian's brain tested

Tests are being carried out on the brain of Peter Hall, 20, suspected victim of the human counterpart of "mad cow" disease, hoving spongiform encephalopathy. Mr Hall, of Chester-le-Street, Co Durham, died after an illness during which he showed symptoms associated with Creuzfeld-Jakob Disease. Although Mr Hall became a vegetarian in 1992, his parents believe he could have been exposed to infected meat as a child.

# Driver gets five years

The son of a wealthy businessman who killed two people in a road accident was sent to a young offenders' in for five years yesterday after he admitted causing death by dangerous driving. Neil Hebson; 19, from Newcastle upon Tyne, was doing 70mph in a 40mph zone when he hit a pedestrian. His girlfriend, a passenger in his car, also died. Hebson, who was over the drink-drive limit, was banned from driving for seven years by Leeds Crown Court.

# Body found in lake

Detectives are interviewing a man in connection with the murder of Jeanette Broadhead, 23, whose naked body was found face down in a lake in Heaton Park. Manchester, on St Valentine's Day: Miss Broadhead, from Rusholme Manchester, died from "pressure to the neck", according to detectives. Police said she had facial injuries but had not been sexually assaulted. Detective Superintendent Roy Rainford said she was not a prostitute.

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# New play up to scratch

Presidence professional critics before his revival of Neil Simon's the result ntic comedy, Chapter Two, at the Gielgud Theatre in life for the tary. Avenue on Monday. During preview redistribution here to register their opinions of the play. The work of the published in newspaper classified theatre

# Trawlers net submarine

A German submarine became entangled in the fishing nets of two British trawlers off the South West of England yesterday (Michael Hornsby writes). The incident occurred 15 miles south of Plymonth breakwater around noon, less than a month after the adoption of a new safety code designed to prevent such accidents. There were no injuries and no damage was sustained by any of the vessels, the Ministry of Defence said.

# Asda fined £40,000

The supermarket giant Asia was fined a total of £40,000 yesterday after children found objects including an insect and a screw in food bought at its instore bakery in Bradford. A boy aged 12 found a screw in his month after eating bread pudding from the store. A seven year-old girl saw an insect in bread and a nine-year-old boy found plastic in a hot-cross bun. Asda admitted seven counts and said the matter was regrettable.

# Bomb hero suspended

Chief Inspector Michael Parks, who led a dazed Margaret Thatcher to safety from the ruins of the Prime Minister's hotel after the IRA bombing in Brighton 12 years ago, has been suspended indefinitely while he is investigated over "administrative matters", Sussex Police said. The inquiry is believed to centre on the running of a police welfare fund.

After rescuing Baroness Thatcher, he returned to the wreckage to help Leon Brittan and Douglas Hurd.

# Statue for soldier

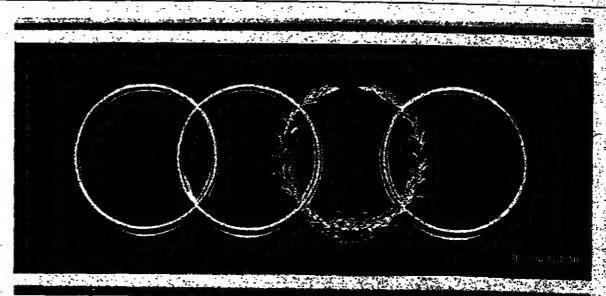
A forgotien hero of the Battle of Arnhem in 1944 could become one of the few common soldiers to be commemorated by a statue. Lance-Sergeant Jack Baskeyfield, a butcher's boy from Burslem, Stoke-on-Trent, won a posthumous VC. The 21-year-old paratrooper knocked out three German tanks before being killed. Local residents are trying to raise £37,000 to erect a statue of Baskeyfield. and have already raised nearly £7,000.



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# Om Tilinian Fears of loyalist retaliation increase after IRA says there will be no peace before talks West End bomb prompts security crackdown

AND RICHARD FORD

CURITY at important dings in London was furr tightened yesterday aner e discovery of the capital's cond bomb in a week conmed that Britain faces a newed campaign. Parking strictions were imposed Tound Westminster and med police were on duty

riside Buckingham Palace. Police discovered the device dicated that there was little ospect of an end to its newed activity unless Brit-n arranged all-party talks on e future of Northern

teland.

It emerged yesterday that ice demolition and three may have to be pulled. ore may have to be pulled own after last Friday's bomb. plosion in east London. Scotland Yard has already poken of attacks anywhere, nytime or any place with ciectives believing the terror its will vary their tactics to ause maximum confusion nd make people trans.

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The like said it had ended.

Mary Robinson, the Irish President, last night orged politicians to commit themselves to re-establishing peace in the Province. Mrs Robinson said on a visit to Lisburn. Co Antrine: We can build on friendship, we can build on the way in which people are reaching out to each other. We must go on doing that, I think, with tven more determination political level this will be matched by a commitment to re-establish the kind of

the cessation of violence because it did not believe there was a "glimmer of hope" that Britain would meet its comtalks. A spokesman for the IRA's general headquarters said in Republican News, the. Sinn Fein newspaper: John throughout the period of the IRA cessation, introducing one pre-condition after another. He has betrayed the



The peace process as seen by Signe of the Philadelphia Daily News after the IRA bombing

trish peace process and has deliberately squandered this opportunity to resolve the causes of the age old conflict between Britain and the Irish people. He did so to keep

The spokesman accused the Government of being interestdo only in lorging republicans to surrender. He added that the IRA contint pursuit in a sham whose sole purpose had become the antalmaent of an IRA surrender.

He refused to give details about the IRA represed to give details.

about the IRA's renewed carnpaign but he made clear that ceasefire until Britain agrees to hold all-party talks. The spokesman said: "There is only one place for all the Irish people to go and that is the negotiating table. Current British policy prevents all those with a democratic mandate from sitting around that table. Where the rights of a community are denied, then there is inevitable conflict."

in Docklands, the South Quay Plaza, where two men died last Friday, could cost at least £30 million to demolish and rebuild. Roberth Tchenguiz chairman of Rotch Property Group, which owns the plaza, said the building was insured against acts of terrorism. Very little of it remained, he said.

The five-storey offices of the Builder Group, a publishing company, is also structurally unsound, according to Pam Barker, one of the company's directors. Investigators suggested further properties may e at risk, but said they would have a clearer picture today

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An anti-terrorist police vehicle in Charing Cross Road, in the alert that gridlocked central London for six hours. The device was sent for tests

fears of renewed terrorist. activity in Northern Ireland. as loyalist paramiltaries come under intense pressure to retaliate for bombs in London. Albert Reynolds, the former Irish Prime Minister who

tacks in Britain would increase the chances of an end to the loyalist paramilitary

He said the loyalist paramilitaries had told him that bombs in London would say a bomb in London is an attack on their British ethos just as if it was planted in

Five hundred extra troops were flown to Northern Ireland yesterday. The soldiers

the total troop level to 17,000. John Taylor, deputy leader of the Ulster Unionist Party, said the arrival of the troops indicated that intelligence reports were suggesting that the IRA was likely to extend its campaign to the Province. He said: "I don't think that the

into Northern Ireland unless they have intelligence to suggest that the IRA is likely to extend its campaign.

"The IRA statement clearly underlines the fact that they

# Scientists examine device found in call-box for terrorist 'trademark'

the maker — his individual style — and comparing its

shart uction with earlier finds
may give clues as to who built
it. The small device discovered it. The small device discovered yesterday in a telephone box is thought to be like those previously placed in litter bins.

The IRA has launched severed to the proviously placed in litter bins.

eral litter-bin bomb campaigns, the last in 1993, when two children were killed in showered a shopping area with chunks of metal. In the takeaway restaurant in Ox-

and yesterday's attempt follow an IRA tradition of bombing public meeting places. In 1974 two attacks on Birmingham pubs killed 2i people and injured 162. Two borns squad officers

have been killed while trying to defuse IRA bombs. In 1975, Roger Goad died while trying to make safe a bomb in Kensington. In October 1981, Kenneth Howorth, 49, died while tackling a device at a

BYADRIAN LET same year, litter bin bombs ford Street. Anti-Terrorist been reduced until lately, that injured its people in Cambrid. Spanic explosives officers are does not mean the terrorist function of the scientific tests, chuld be sent for scientific tests, chuld be scientific tests, chu team is based at New Scotland Yard and is on stand-by 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The Ulster ceasefires - the

last IRA device defused in London was in Regent Street in August 1994 - has not meant that the team has slackened its efforts, although the numbers of officers deployed is thought to have been reduced by a fifth.

A Metropolitan Police spokesman said: "Just because ' the Provisional IRA threat has

alarms. Its busiest year was 1992 when officers were called out 2.233 times. In 1993, the last full year of IRA activity, 34 IRA bombs exploded on mainland Britain, ten devices did ignited but did not explode.

The squad, founded in 1971. is responsible for organising searches, assessing the size and threat of any device and deciding on the size of the safety cordon around the threatened area.

# AND OLIVER AUGUST

cancelled yesterday as central London was gridlocked for almost six-hours after the discovery of the device in the capital's theatreland.

At the Palace Theatre, Caming of the musical Les Miserables bad to be called off. police told up to 100 people including stage hands, performers and members of the audience who had arrived early to stay in the building,

The box office said the disappointed audience were being offered a refund or the chance to see the show at a later date. The evening performance went ahead.

Matinees of Crazy for You, at the Prince Edward Theatre in Old Compton Street, and of

Second alert disrupts theatreland

Changing Room, at the Duke of York's in St Martin's Lane, also had to be cancelled.

AA Roadwatch reported long traffic delays across cen-

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dilly Circus was sealed off. The most disrupted areas were the City, Knightsbridge and the A501 Euston to Marylebone road.

Traffic was also reported to be bottlenecked around the from Oxford Street to Piccabridges as drivers tried to

avoid the jams by crossing the Six central Underground

stations were closed during

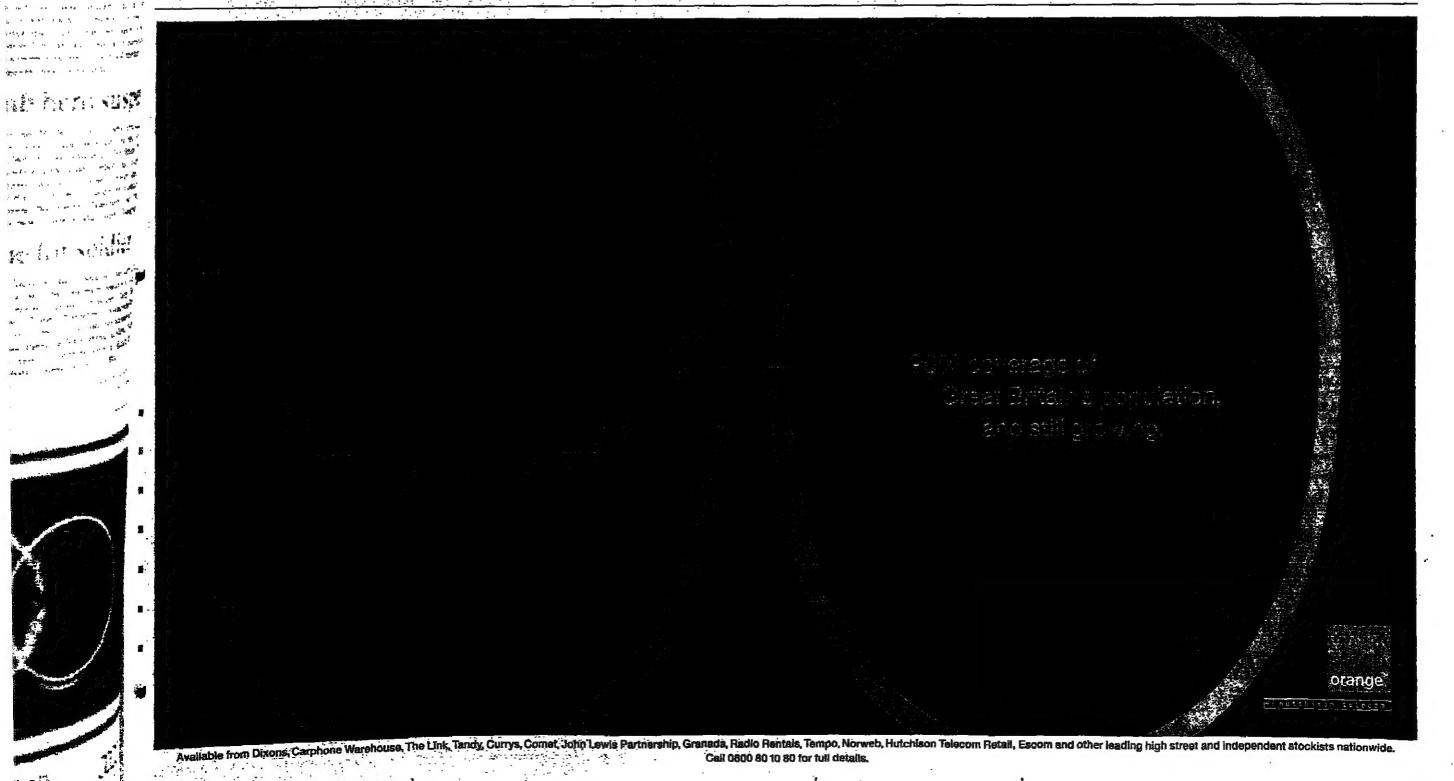
Charing Cross was quickly reopened after a search. But Covent Garden, Piccadilly, Leicester Square, Tottenham Court Road and Holborn

stations remained closed.

with trains allowed to pass

through without stopping. Bus traffic was also severely restricted by the security aleri. The police asked London Transport to keep buses just outside the West End at Hyde Park Corner, Aldwych and

Several services were not resumed until late afternoon and many passengers were stranded in the West End. London Transport said it inform passengers about the restrictions and when they were to be lifted.



International team of doctors combines keyhole bypass technique with widening of arteries

# Pioneering operation 'will transform heart surgery'

By JEREMY LAURANCE HEALTH CORRESPONDENT

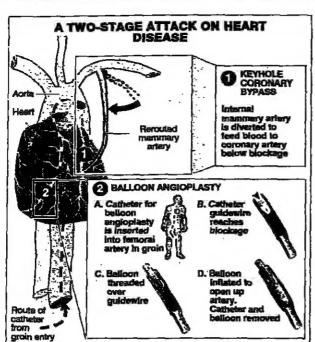
A MEDICAL team in Bristol has become the first in the world to carry out a new twostage heart operation, which is predicted to transform the treatment of thousands of

people.
The operation, performed through a small incision in the chest, was hailed by the Brit-ish Heart Foundation as a development that may spare patients the trauma of major surgery. About 25,000 openheart operations are per-formed in Britain each year and up to a million worldwide.

An international team assembled by the Bristol Heart Institute carried out the procedure at the Bristol Royal Infirmary last week. It com-bines keyhole bypass surgery. in which a new artery is stitched on to the front of the heart, with angioplasty, in which a balloon technique is used to expand narrowed arteries at the back of the heart.

The joint procedure avoids the need for major open-heart surgery but allows both the front and back of the heart to be treated, which is not possible with the keyhole tech-

nique alone. The patient, Dennis Dummett, 61, required only one small incision on the left side of his chest through which the keyhole bypass was



supplying the chest wall to the front coronary artery, bypassing the blockage.

Cardiologists then introduced the catheter carrying the balloon for the angioplasty, to treat the coronary artery at the back of the heart. This was done in the conventional way through a hollow needle inserted into an artery

Mr Dummett, from Frampton Cotterell near Bristol, was in the recovery room for just

Conventional open heart bypass surgery requires a sixinch vertical cut in the chest, splitting the breast bone and stopping the heart temporarily. The patient is put on a heart lung machine. Veins from the thigh are stitched to the front and back of the heart. bypassing blockages. Patients spend 10 to 12 days in hospital and six weeks recuperating. Professor Gianni Angelini,

tion. He was sitting up in bed the next day and was sent

home two days later.

heart surgery and I believe it will lead to a reduction of as much as 20 to 40 per cent in the number of conventional bypasses. In a few years' time

everyone will be doing it."

Professor Angelini, whose post is funded by the British Heart Foundation, was joined for the operation by Professor Antonio Calafiore from Italy. a pioneer of keyhole bypass surgery, and Professor Tomas Salerno from the United States. Although it was the first time the combined procedure had been performed, the than 200 keyhole bypass operations.

Professor Brian Pentecost, director of the British Heart Foundation, said the advantage of the combined procedure was that it reduced the come. "If you have three or four coronary arteries that are diseased, the risks of angioplasty increase. If one is damaged during the procedure you don't have the insurance that the others can take

over. By first attaching a new

artery graft to the front of the

heart using the keyhole tech-

nique you have an umbrella of

safety," he said. Many patients undergoing heart surgery require second operations years later when their coronary arteries narrow



Dennis Dummett: looking forward to walking the family dogs and square dancing

undergone major surgery the first time, Professor Pentecost

The Royal College of Sur-geons requires specialists who wish to take up keyhole surgery to undergo training first. Surgeons certificates indicating the spepractise and the range of procedures they are trained to perform. The skills are checked and a new certificate issued every five years.

□ People with heart disease

who suppress their emotions and tend to be negative have a four times greater risk of

from Belgium have found. They said in The Lancet that a study of 303 patients taking part in a cardiac rehabilitation programme who were tollowed for up to ten years found that those who tended to experience negative emotions and not express their feelings were more likely to die.

# Patient is eager to dance with delight

BY MICHAEL HORSNELL

DENNIS DUMMETT WAS apprehensive about become ing a guinea pig but is delighted that his example will set a medical precedent.
"I was only asked to volunteer for the operation two weeks beforehand," he said. But I put my faith in the specialist staff at the hospital and I would advise anyone who has the chance of this

technique to take it."

The pain and breathlessness that accompanied his angina forced him to give ap square dancing, his favourite pastime, 18 months ago. Now the former engineer is hooking forward to swinging his wife Natalie round the floor

again.
First he must reign back his cathusiasm. I feel exceptionally well." Mr Duminett said. "The only problem I have is making sure that I do not do too much too soon."

The couple, who have a daughter, Beverley, 33, and son, Gregory, 30, danced an to four times a week. Mas Dimmett. 59, said: "It was a big part of our life. We really missed it. In a couple of back to it. Mr Dm plans to resume playing has electronic organ in about a week and to take the family dogs for a walk again.















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mixture of herbs including lobelia, stramonium and hyoscyamus mixed with tobacco, opium or, even in those days, cannabis. By the 1930s and 1940s. asthmatics were still encour-

aged to smoke herbs, but by then the opium tobacco and pot had been left out of the mixture. The actor Donald Sinden, when a boy, suffered from asthma and has described how he had to inhale Doctor Potter's herbal



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no record of amounts taken. The Accubaler, launched this week, is simple to use and: has a recording device that reduces the risk of over-dosage

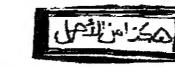
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High-powered careers put MPs in the shade

# Peers turn over a new leaf with register of interests

By ALICE THOMSON, POLITICAL REPORTER

PEERS revealed emphatically yesterday that living like a lord does not mean pottering round estates to hunt, shoot or fish, with occasional forays to Westminster for gossip and subsidised cigars. The first register of their interests shows that a modern peer is more likely to be able to run an investment bank than control a pack of hounds.

The 60-page edition of the new red book lists not only high-powered careers but also vocations as diverse as dentist, freelance zoologist, taxi driver. bus conductor, sculptor, fashion designer, sub-postmaster, author and columnist on The Sun. There is also an extraordinary array of hobbies and a deep commitment to charity work. MPs looked dusty in

More than 300 peers out of 1,100 have offered to write down their interests in the voluntary section of the red book. Two hundred more are expected to put their names

forward for the next edition. Members of the Royal Family have declined to join in, but everyone is still expected to declare their interests when relevant during debates.

Hereditary peers include the president of Sainsbury plc and the chairman of Pearson plc. Lord Wade of Chorlton is chairman or president of nine companies. More than 100 act as unpaid chairmen for charities. Unlike MPs, none admits to free overseas trips.

Several have unusual hobbies. The Earl of Clanwilliam is passionate about alternative medicine and is patron of the Association of Traditional Chinese Medicine and the National Institute of Medical Herbalists. Viscount Caldecote is "interested in ship design and building.

A few still partake of more traditional activities. There are a string of stud farmers. racehorse trainers and owners of historic houses. Earl Haig puts "riparian owner of the



Haig: pursuing the traditional interests

Tweed\* as well as saying he is professional painter Far from being aloof, many are avid participators in clubs

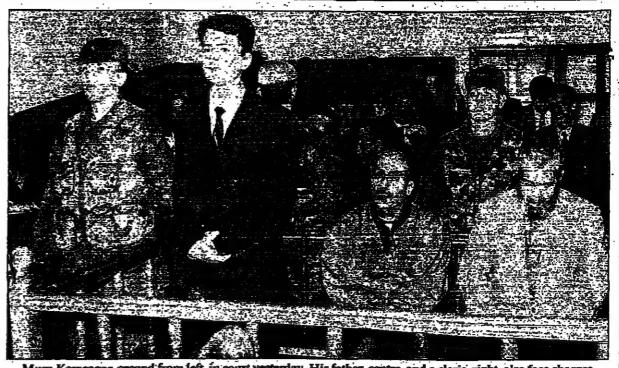
such as the Alpine Garden Society. Viscount Waverley lists nothing except "member of the Friends of Burundi and participant in parliamentary seminars in Bujumbura".

accusations that some of its occupants had abused their position, such as by taking cash for tabling questions. The necessity of a register horrified many who have believe that peers should be trusted to act on personal honour.

Before the register was published, rumours spread that more than 300 were now paid by consultancy companies. In the end. only 27 admitted to receiving any incentive or reward for parliamentary services, and they were split evenly between Labour and

Yesterday peers were far more fascinated by their red book than by the Scott report. One senior Tory said: "It is just a bit of fun and makes us look as though we are trying to be more professional.

"But in the end it won't make much difference. We already know who owns half of Scotland or a chunk of the City, and who has been forced into working for the



Musa Komeagac, second from left, in court yesterday. His father, centre, and a cleric, right, also face charges

# Schoolgirl's Turkish 'husband' freed on bail

Turkey bailed Musa Komeagac, the "husband" of 13-year-old Sarah Cook, after commuting him for trial on charges of statutory rape yesterday. (Andrew Finkel writes from Istanbul).

The crowded courtroom erupted into loud applause when the state prosecu-tor asked for Mr Komeagac, 18, to be released. His lawyers had presented bone structure, which suggested she had a biological age of over 15 years. waiter in a Mediterranean resort where Sarah, from Brainnee in Essex,

was on a family holiday.
The trial is adjourned until April.
Musa's father All was committed for trial as an accomplice, as was Abmet

performed a marriage ceremony that has no status under Turkish law. He told the court that Sarah looked 18 or 19 and "said she was a Muslim".

praised in the town, where Sarah is known as the national bride and ber partner is considered a local hero. He, was taken on a lap of honour.

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BY ROBIN YOUNG

rat starts on Monday, the day after is Shrove Tuesday and shops are marking both with price reductions. The showiest promotions are for Chinese ingredients such as stir-fry sauces and mixes, noodles, ginger, beansprouts, lychees and the increasingly varied ranges of ready-prepared Chinese meals.

The requirements for pancakes are simpler and there are special offers on flour. eggs, syrup, oranges and lem-ons. For those unwilling to toss their own. Marks & Spencer is promoting boxes of microwaveable ready-made pancakes complete with ma-ple and raisin, toffee or choco-

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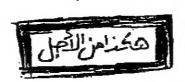
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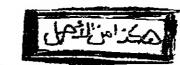
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# Quest for ancestor's remains turns heads at airport with display of waving and wailing

# Witchdoctor casts spell on Heathrow arrivals

A WITCHDOCTOR dressed in leopardskin, waving a spear and wailing loudly. brought Terminal 2 at Heathrow to a standstill yesterday. Chief Nicholas Gcaleka had arrived on a mission from South Africa to find the head of a warrior ancestor he believes lies somewhere in

As the chief emerged from Customs, suitcase in one hand and spear - wrapped in airport security tape - in the other, he was besieged by camera crews, photographers. and journalists. Clearly delighted by the attention, he

He then conducted an impromptu press conference at the end of the walkway for arriving passengers, while a queue of puzzled travellers built up behind him. Chief Gcaleka said in English that he was certain that he would find the head of King Hintsa, his great-great-uncle, which is thought to have been taken by a Scottish soldier during a battle against the Xhosa tribe

in the Eastern Cape in 1835. The chief said the spirits had told him the head was to be found in Scotland and that he would find it before returning home. "I have no doubt of

cingdom back to South Africa. I'm here on a spiritual

He said the head held the key to peace in South Africa. and he did nothing to dispel rumours that President Mandela, himself a Xhosa, had partly funded the two-week trip with £10,000 of his own money. "Mandela is with us!"

Eventually two policemen, more concerned with security than the chief's quest, moved him and his media scrum outside.

As he walked bare-legged into the cold winter air, Chief Gcaleka refused to discuss the

# South Africans see chief's mission as poor publicity

THE killing of King Hintsa on May 14, 1835, is one of the of South African history. There are conflicting accounts of the incident, but what is known is that a Cape military guide of Scottish descent named George Sou-they fired a fatal shot while Hintsa was trying to escape from a contingent of British troops who were bolding him tage during the early days of the Sixth Frontier War.

Hintsa's death caused outrage in London. culminating in an effigy of Southey being burnt in Trafalgar

Square by the London Mis-sionary Society, which main-tained that Hintsa was murdered by misguided British colonial policy.

The protests led to a court of inquiry, which exonerated Southey of any wrongdoing but determined that Hintsa's corpse had been mutilated. However, it did not say how or by whom. Hintsa's body was left on the banks of the River Ngabara for his own people to find and Xhosa oral history maintains that the head was missing

Many South Africans were reluctant to donate money to

which they feel at best is a worst makes black South

Africans appear primitive white-owned companies are also keeping their distance because many English-speak-ing South Africans would prefer to forget that part of their history. Even so, the expectations

raised by Chief Gcaleka's trip are so high that one Xhosa journalist has predicted that, should he return without the head, many people may de-mand his in its place. money for more information." He was driven away in a black stretch limousine a bottle of champagne at the ready. bound for a series of television

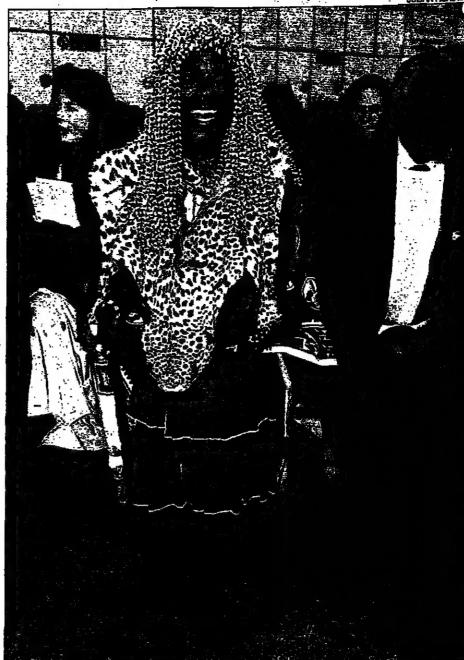
The trip, sponsored by two South African breweries, will involve searching museums in London and Scotland for clues to the whereabouts of the missing head. Chief Gcaleka said he believed it may be at Fort George, near Inverness, which was the base of the now defunct 72nd and 75th Highland regiments.

The chief's guide in Britain is Robert Pringle, 20, whose father is a close friend of the chief's in South Africa. He said: This is a great honour for me. My father was meant to come but could not make it."

Today the chief will meet the South African High Commissioner. Tilana Grobbelaar, a commission official, said at the airport: "We see it as his own spiritual mission, but we are monitoring his visit."

History does not record whether King Hintsa was decapitated, and there is no indication as to whether any remains were dispatched to Britain, although army surgeons of that era frequently sent home skulls and limbs for scientific study

The search is likely to renew the debate about thousands of human remains held in collections throughout the country. The Natural History Museum in London alone has 17,000 body parts, including those of



Costume drama: Chief Gcaleka's arrival in leopardskin at Heathrow yesterday caused a passenger pile-up in Terminal 2 as he gave an impromptu press conference

# Addicts die after taking pure heroin

Police fear a growing toll among heroin users after the deaths of two addicts in Derby were found to have been caused by lethally pure batches of the drug. Dealers have found they can still make large profits without diluting supplies. Addicts were warned to be cautious when buying supplies from unknown dealers.

### Ayres on air

The comic poet Pam Ayres is taking over Charlie Chester's Sunday afternoon Soaphox slot on BBC Radio 2, which be started in 1969, from Frank Topping, who has been standing in since Ches-ter, 82, had a stroke three months ago. He is recovering

### Baby milks fail

Only two of II formula milks for babies tested by scientists at South Bank University, London, provided enough selenium to meet the Health Department's recommendation of ten micrograms a dayle. The nutrient's effects include protection against heart disease and cancer.

### Lion at large

A hunt was under way in the Omagh and Fintona areas of Co Tyrone for a lion believed to have escaped from a prithere had been two apparent sightings. Legal controls on keeping dangerous animals do not extend to Northern

bid may

### Electronic male

Young men who are too shy to ask, GPs or telephor helplines about issues such as testicular cancer and impotence will be able to ask via Email on the Internet in conjunction with a BBC2 series. The Trouble With Men, beginning next week.

# Seeds of success

The grass seed used for the pitch at Wembley stadium is to go on general sale. Johnsons says the blend of three varieties took years to perfect. The turf has been tested with the firm's beadquarters in Boston, Lincolnshire.

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# Global warming 'will lead to war over water' in 21st century



Houghton: said UN would have to settle water disputes

BY NICK NUTTALL ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

WAR will break out as global warming leads rival nations to fight for control of dwindling water supplies in the next century, the leading British climate scientist at the United Nations said yesterday.

Sir John Houghton, chairman of the UN body assessing global warming, predicted that British and UN forces would be deployed to keep armies and communities apart as they squabbled over rivers and Enemies Without Frontiers that believe extreme and freakish wea- "I just hope governments, induslakes. He said the battles over the uncontrolled global warming "will ther similar to that of recent years, try and the public can be sensible policies are drafted.

those seen in the former Yugoslavia in severity and the numbers made

Sir John's views are supported by Admiral Sir Julian Oswald, a former Admiral of the Fleet. He says that the Royal Navy, RAF and the Army will, over the coming years, increasingly be used to police international environmental treaties designed to avert disasters and secure

dwindling natural resources. Sir Julian says in the book

sion between traditional and environmental concerns . . . resulting in widespread conflict".

Sir John, a distinguished academic who is chairman of the Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution and former chief executive of the UK Meteorological Office, was speaking after the agreement by the intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change that rising global temperatures are at least partly due to man-made pollution. Scientists

will become the norm in a globally and find solutions before they warmed world.

Sir John, author of Global Warm ing: the complete briefing, told the Royal Society in London yesterday that demand for water had been rising, particularly where it was used for irrigation: There are already significant tensions, espealready significant tensions, especially in regions where the water. Global Water Policy Project in
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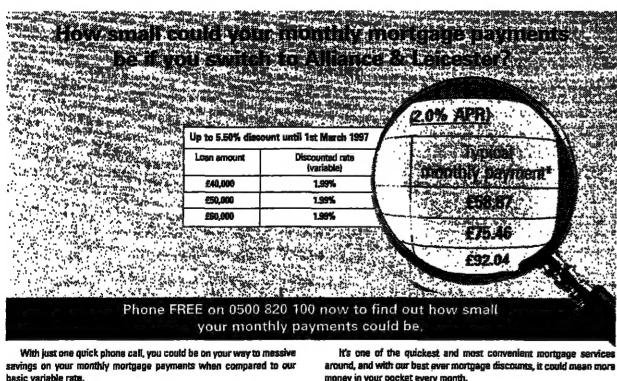
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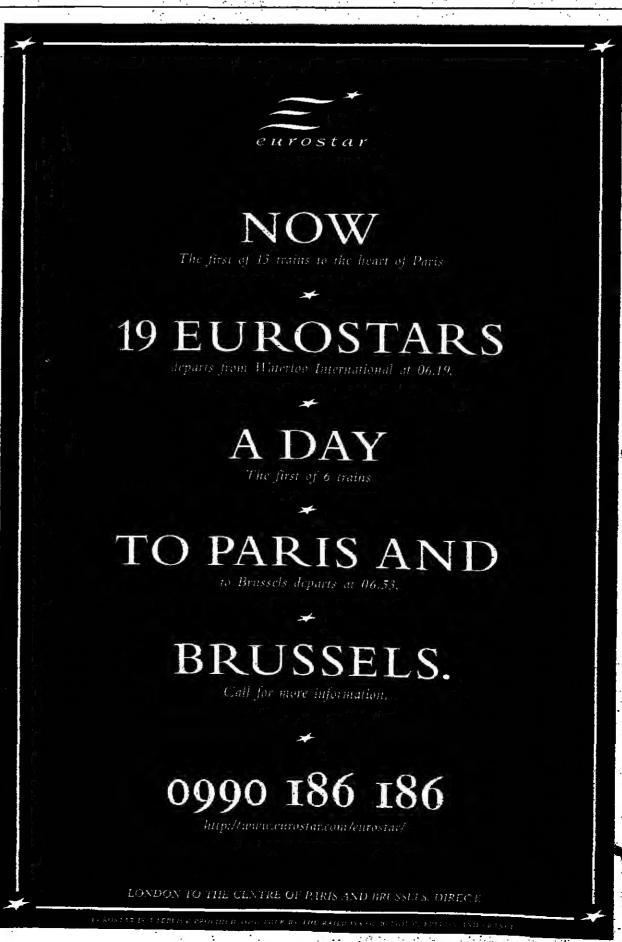
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# Fall in inflation strengthens case for further rate cut

BY JANET BUSH ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH inflation fell below 3 per cent for the first time in more than a year, reinforcing what the City believes is the strengthening case for another cut in interest rates next

The headline retail prices index fell by 0.3 per cent in January compared with December, depressing the annual rate of inflation from 3.2 per cent to 2.9 per cent, the lowest it has been since December 1994. The underlying inflation rate,

which the Government aims to get to 2.5 per cent or below by the end of this Parliament, fell from 3 per cent to 2.8 per cent — its lowest level since last July. RPIY, the measure of inflation favoured by the Bank of England which excludes mortgage interest payments and indirect tax-es, was stable at 2.5 per cent.

Stock market prices soared. The FT-SE 100 index came within a whisker of a record high, piling on 34.8 points to end at 3,779.8 on hopes of lower base rates. The record of 3,782.6 was set on February 2. Together with recent news of

falling producer prices and stable growth in average earnings, yester-day's figures backed up the Bank's judgment in its Inflation Report this week that It sees no sign of an imminent rise in price pressures.
The City concluded that there was

no hurdle to another quarter-point cut in base rates at the March 7 monetary meeting. Andrew Cates, of UBS, the broker, said: "Over the past two weeks, almost every economic statistic could be used to justify a further cut in base rates. And the Governor of the Bank of England, at the moment it would

seem, will not stand in the Chancellor's way."

The only question in the mind of analysts is whether the cut will follow the March meeting or a subsequent one. Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, said on Wednesday that there was no case for reckless-ness in setting monetary policy and he may want to delay a little after cuts in December and January.

The Central Statistical Office said that record-breaking discounts in the January sales coupled with

by smaller building societies took just over 0.1 per cent off the headline

rate of inflation on its own. Prices of clothing and footwear fell by 5.6 per cent in January, the largest monthly fall since February 1921, when the rate of price rises was measured by the Cost of Living Index for the Working Classes. Household goods prices fell by 3 per cent in the month, the biggest decline in any month since compa-

rable records began in 1956. Further downward effects on inflation expected this month include an intensification of supermarket price wars, lower petrol prices and another mortgage rate cut. Against this, a rebound is expected in prices of household goods and clothing and footwear as

new stocks come into the shops. The Bank of England said on Wednesday that it expected inflation to drift downwards for most of this year before picking up again gently. It now expects underlying inflation to be somewhat below 2.5 per cent at the end of two years.

Pennington, page 25

# Rentokil's BET bid may lead to SE inquiry

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY

RENTOKIL yesterday moved towards a £2 billion takeover of BET, the business services group, in what would be the biggest expan-sion by far of the rapidly growing pest-control and security services group.

A Stock Exchange inquiry is expected after strong City speculation over the move and a leap in the price of BET shares fuelled by huge trans-actions on Wednesday and again yesterday before the formal approach at midday by Clive Thoropson, chief executive of Rentokil.

and yesterday 20 million of the 48.66 million shares dealt went through before Mr Thompson's 12.15 telephone call to Sir Christopher Harding, chairman of BET, which was then relayed to the Stock | Exchange. The Exchange

GRANADA yesterday made a

£52 million share raid on

Yorkshire-Tyne Tees Tele-

vision, taking its holding to nearly 24 per cent, but said

that it was not intending to

launch a full bid at this stage.

attempt by Granada to raise its stake in Yorkshire ahead of

enactment of the Broadcasting

Bill, prompted heavy trading

in other media stocks as

speculation grew over the next

takeover candidate in the sec-

tor after last week's 63 billion

United News & Media. Carlton was the big loser,

down 27p at £10.29, as

pressure grew on it to react to

the moves made by its main

rivals towards consolidation

of television ownership. There

had been speculation that

Carlton might swap its stake

in Meridian with the 14 per

cent stake in Yorkshire owned

by Meridian's parent com-pany, MAI MAI refused to

comment yesterday on the

Granada bought 6.12 per

cent of Yorkshire shares at £10

a share, taking its own stake to

20 per cent, the maximum

future of its stake.

merger between MAI and

The raid, widely seen as an



would not comment on the transactions and price jump, up nearly 12 per cent this week

Yesterday, BET's share price rose 34'sp to 184'sp. while Restokil, which is likely to have to fond a bid with a mixture of shares and cash, fell 26p to 336 2p.

BET's board meets today to discuss Rentokil's move. Both sides say that a price has not

allowed by current broadcast-

ing legislation. However, Gra-

nada also announced that a

subsidiary owned with

Lazards, Allquiet Investments

had bought a further 3.88 per

cent at the same price. York-shire shares soared 150p after

Granada's decision to "dead-

lock" the 3.88 per cent stake

was described by the Indepen-

as "within the letter but outside"

the spirit of the 1990 Broadcast-

ing Act". Charles Allen, chief

operating officer of Granada

United News and MAI used

The situation should be

a similar tactic to avoid

casting Act, which will allow

companies to take up to 15 per

ownership restrictions.

Television Commission

the raid, to close at £10.17.

Granada swoops

on Yorkshire TV

BY ALASDAIR MURRAY

believe that Rentokil will have to offer about £2 a share to ensure the agreement of BET. Such an offer would value BET at just under £2 billion.

The move marks a sharp change of strategy for Rentokil, which has been buying up businesses after setting growth target of 20 per cent. But Charles Grimaldi, Rentokil's corporate affairs director, said that the company was less attracted by the size of BET than by its make-up, which overlaps with the office services and distribution oper-

ations of its would-be "We have been watching BET for a number of years, partly because they are in our sector but also because we have been interested in how the company has been shaped by John Clark," he said.

Under Mr Clark, the chief executive, BET - which is involved in cleaning, distribution, catering and security has been streamlined from 160 businesses to 60 and has been restored to financial health. Recently the company has moved towards acquisitions.

While the City absorbs Remokil's proposed deal, which would propel the expanded company to true conglomerate status, there is some confidence that the move is a sensible one and that BET would offer Rentokil scope for margin improvement. Charles Spick, analyst with Panmure Gordon, said: This will really test the mettle of Rentokil. Until now it has concentrated on fairly small additions. But there is admiration for its management and they should be able to push up margins." Analysts vary on whether the deal would mean dilution of earnings for Rentokil. Some

while others forecast the impact would be slight.
It is likely, however, that the deal with the ITC earlier in the shares - which until now have been very highly rated would be reappraised. Rentokil shares are fairly clarified by the new Broadtightly held, pushing up the rating, so a large issue of paper to fund a deal would

believe it may be executed

without incurring any dilution

lead to a re-rating and make cent of the ITV market share. them less attractive. Granada's move received a Rentokil, after aggressive expansion under Mr Thompwarm response from Yorkwhich emphasised son is the world's largest pest-control company and largest global supplier of office plants. benefits of synergy between the two companies.:

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Palmy days: Clive Thompson, Rentokil's chief executive, who formally announced the BET bid at midday yesterday

# **British Gas** challenged on contracts

BY CARL MORTISHED

EXECUTIVES at Royal Dutch Shell the Anglo-Dutch oil company, yesterday cast doubt on the scale of the take-or-pay contracts problem facing British Gas and demanded that British Gas executives come up with a solution.

British Gas has said that it needs to renegotiate some £40 billion of contracts with oil companies struck at high prices. However, Chris Fay, chief executive of Shell UK, said yesterday that British Gas has yet to come up with a proposal. "The problem is indeed overstated," he said. "The issue is one of volume management, not of price."

Shell said it was charging British Gas well below the 20p per therm average price under all of British Gas's contracts. BP recently indi-cated that its contracts to British Gas averaged 16p. British Gas is believed to have accelerated production of high cost fields like its Morecambe Bay,

priced at 26p per therm. Shell cuts, page 25 Tempus, page 26

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# Banks defend lending policy after Scott report

By Patricia Tehan, banking correspondent

BRITISH banks were last night poring over the Scott report for any suggestion that their lending practices might have been at fault.

The Co-operative Bank says in full-page advertisements in several national newspapers today (see page 13) that while other banks may have used customers' money to help finance arms, it did not participate in this trade. The bank says: "Between 1981 and 1990, certain banks used hundreds

customers' money to finance the supply of arms to both Iran and Iraq. The Co-op Bank would like to offer reassurance to its customers that we did not, and will not finance the sale of arms to Iraq, Iran or any other oppressive regime.

The bank refused to name which of its rivals financed said: "Hundreds of millions of pounds of arms went from this



Protesters outside the Midland Bank's AGM last year

of millions of pounds of their country to Iraq and Iran. You cannot send arms of that kind of size of deal without a bank being invalved."

NatWest said: "The NatWest Group has extensive relationships with major corporates in the UK and overseas, some of whose activities include armaments manufac ture. We seek to be fully satisfied as to the integrity of these companies and their compliance with all legislation relevant to their activities."

Barclays said: "Barclays supports UK defence manufacturing companies and finances selected exports of defence goods, provided the transaction is approved and the goods licenced by the UK Government.

Midland said its policy is to only consider financing de-fence equipment which is manufactured in the UK and which qualifies for cover from

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# Farnell wins approval to proceed with bid

FARNELL declared victory in its battle to proceed with a £1.5 billion bid for Premier, the American electronics distribution company, after securing a surprisingly comfortable ma-jority of shareholder votes at its EGM yesterday.

Farnell won 84 per cent of the votes, safely above the 75 per cent it needed, in spite of opposition to the deal from two major institutional shareholders.

Standard Life and Legal and General, which control 3.5 per cent of the stock between them, had voiced reservations about the price and funding of the bid.

Standard Life said it remained concerned about the financial risks associated with the deal. However, the fund management group would not say whether it would now sell its stake in the company. Pensions Investment Re-

search Consultants, the corporate governance pressure group, said the EGM was a turning point in UK corporate governance. Anne Simpson. joint managing director, said: "PIRC welcomes the unprecedented level of shareholder voting ... For too long, companies have assumed that shareholders will rubberstamp their proposals."

Famell still has to win approval from Premier shareholders, but with the support of the Mandel family, who control 54 per cent of the stock, that should prove a formality.

The company is proceeding with provisional allotment letters for its nine-for-19 rights issue immediately. Dealing in the new shares, which will be priced at 540p, starts today.

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# Deep losses force Daimler to cut aerospace jobs

BY ROSS TIEMAN INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

DAIMLER-BENZ AEROSPACE is to axe almost 18,000 jobs over the next three years after announcing deeper than expected losses of DM4.3 billion burdened by massive

restructuring costs.

Manfred Bischoff, the chairman, said he was counting upon further "Europeanisation" of the aerospace industry to help to restore the company's profitability. His remark appears to open the door to deeper collabor-

Aerospatiale of France. Dasa's chief partners in Airbus Industrie, the civil jet-builder.

Dasa is pushing for Airbus to play a bigger role in regional jets, where BAr has allied itself with Aérospatiale and Alenia of Italy in AIR. But it is also thought open to closer collaboration in military aircraft, where it partners BAe, Alenia and Casa of Spain on the

Eurofighter warplane programme Herr Bischoff said Dasa was also open in principle to "implementable co-operation" between MTU. its aero-engine business, and BMW Rolls-Royce, a 50/50 joint venture that has just launched its first motor for business

and regional jets. But he added that legal problems — thought to centre upon MTU's close links with Rolls' arch-rival Pratt & Whitney of America - prevented this going ahead at the moment.

Dasa's losses have pushed its parent Daimler-Benz to record a loss of DM6 billion, the worst in German corporate history. The aerospace arm had been expected to lose DM4 billion. Of that, DM2.3 billion arises from the decision last month to cut off support for Fokker, the Dasa-controlled Dutch regional jet maker which has since gone into

The rest comprises losses arising from the strength of the mark against the US dollar, in which aircraft are priced, and restructuring charges. Of the job losses, 7,700 are accounted for by the Fokker withdrawal. There will be 600 Fokker-related job losses at Dasa, while previously announced programmes would account for 8,000 of the total.

The company said it would not ahandon aerospace, but further disposals are expected. Top of the list is Dornier, the company's regional turboprop arm, where the Dornier family are contemplating exercising their right to buy out Daimler's interest.

# Pay hope at Allied Leisure

Allied Leisure, the nightclubs and bowling company, expects to resume dividend payments at the end of this financial year. It yesterday reported pre-tax profits of £515,000 for the half to December 31, aginst £773,000 in the previous first half. The interim dividend is again passed.

Ken Scobie, chairman said that the second half would benefit from upgrading of the core estate and the first contribution from the £19.79 million. November acquisition of GX Superbowl, funded through a £15.84 million rights issue

First-half earnings a share were 0.63p, down from 1.03p. Reported turnover rose to £9.68 million. from £9.54 million; the 1994 comparison included E1.52 million from three nightdubs now sold.

### Barclays sale

Barclays has signed a letter of intent to sell its 40 branches in Cyprus to Heilenic Bank for \$18 miliion. Barclays Bank's offshore operations on Cyprus are not included.

### Siebe to sell

Siebe, the engineer, is to sell to Jordan Industries, for £13 million, its subsidiary Barber-Colman Motors, of Illinois, which employs 245 making elec-

# Bonus rates

Scottish Mutual Assurance's annual bonus rate for its life unitised with profits fund stays at 7.5 per cent. The pension annual bonus rate falls from 9.5 to 9 per cent. Rates of reversionary bonus for 1995 are 2.25 per cent of basic benefit and 4.5 per cent of the existing bonus.

# **Bovis coup**

Bovis, the P&O construction company, has won an agreement with the Grand Bahama Port Authority Group to assist development of 230 square miles of the island around Freeport.

# N&P to name other bidders balked by £1.35bn Abbey deal

NATIONAL & Provincial Building Society is to pub-lish the names of the five banks and building societies it held talks with before agreeing to a £1.35 billion mkeover by Abbey National.

Five names are in a document to be sent out to its members next month. Abbey is top of the list, along with a detailed section explaining why the society felt that Abbey's was the best deal for members. The other names, some of which have never confirmed their interest in N&P, are understood to be Nationwide. Alliance & Leicester, Woolwich and Cheitenham & Gloucester, which is owned by Lloyds

Alastair Lyons, chief executive of N&P, said yesterday that, under the Building Societies Act, the society is required to identify organisations that submitted written proposals. He refused to say how many organisations would be named or what the names were.

Members will vote on the £1.35 billion takeover by Abbey National at a special meeting in the middle of



Alastair Lyons, N&P chief executive, who will brief members on Abbey decision

April, and the deal is expected to be completed in August. N&P and Cheltenham & Gloucester unveiled their results for 1995 yesterday. Both revealed that there had been substantial growth in lending figures in spite of what they

both described as a subdued and highly competitive mar-ket. N&P reported a 39.5 per cent leap in pre-tax profits to £187 million after the £8 million exceptional cost of fees in connection with the Abbey

rest achieved as a result of a

It pushed its net and gross mortgage shares to 29 per cent, compared with 0.1 per cent and 2 per cent respectively in 1994. Mr Lyons said that

ucts. He added that he expected the housing market to remain subdued, which meant a competitive mortgage mar-

ket this year. C&G, which was taken over by Lloyds Bank in August last year, pushed its share of net lending from 4.2 per cent to 10 per cent. Andrew Longhurst, chief executive, said that this was mostly due to cash offers, no valuation fees and a price promise. C&G had started its mortgage sales in Lloyds branches at the end of the year and hoped that the impact of this would be lelt this year.

C&G now sells in 2,000 branches compared with 200 before its acquisition. Mr Longhurst said that following the takeover of TSB by Lloyds, C&G would be selling in 3,000 branches by the end of 1996. This would enable C&G to distribute mortgages to a larger customer base at modest extra cost, he added.

Profits before tax for the five months to December were £838 million. On a pro-forma basis for 1995, C&C's profits were up from £219.2 million to £246,7 million, in spite of an increase in bad debt provisions from £31.8 million to £43.7 million.

Lloyds unveils its 1995 figures today.

### PowerGen is seeking **Emotional extremes hurt** deal for Scottish coal Europe debate, says CBI BY OUR CITY STAFF

By PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

POWERGEN, the electricity generator, is believed to be negotiating the purchase of up to one million tonnes of coal a year from Scotland. The deal with Mining Scot-

land would account for a fifth of the country's coal produc-tion. PowerGen would take a minimum 600,000 tonnes a year, with options for more, to shipped by rail to the Fiddler's Ferry and Ferrybridge power stations in Merseyside and Yorkshire.

Mining Scotland, based in Edinburgh, operates the Longannet pit and several

opencast mines. The company declined to reveal any details of a possible deal with PowerGen, but a spokesman said: "It is no secret we have been talking to them, but there is no ink to dry."

PowerGen was also tightlipped yesterday and would only say: "We cannot comment on contracts with suppliers, which are covered by commercial confidentiality clauses."

At present, most of Mining Scotland's output goes to Scottish Power's Longannet power THE Confederation of British and to avoid the emotional Industry yesterday attacked "emotional extremes" over extremes clouding the subject. Speaking in London to the European Movement Business Europe and called for a bal-Forum, Mr Turner warned anced argument over the isagainst approaching the issue of Europe "with either a strong sues that affect UK business. The CBI insisted that busilederalist vision which seeks inness interests must not be lost in the heated political debate tegration as an end in itself or with an aggressively anti-Eur-ope stance, which exploits pres-ent difficulties in some contabout proposals for European economic and monetary union and Britain's place in Europe.

Adair Turner, Directorinental countries to cast doubt General of the CBI, called on on the benefits UK membership

of the EU has brought".

Eurosceptic glee that Europe faces problems, and the Eurofanatic speak that unless everything goes ahead as per Maastricht, then we slip back towards a divided continent, there's a real danger that the voice of balance and reason gets lost. But it is vital that that voice is heard."

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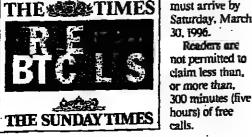
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# BR company sold to Scots buyout team

business to focus on the key

issues it faced over Europe

MANAGERS and employees of British Rail's track maintenance company in Scotland have bought the business. The buyout, the largest rail privatisation north of the bor-

der so far, was hailed by the Government as a "significant milestone" in the transformation of the railways. The Scotland Infrastructure

Maintenance Company, which employs about 2,400 people, on some 2,600 miles of track, including the Forth Bridge, John Wans, minister for railways and roads, said: This is another important moment in the revolution of Britain's railways

The sale of the British Rail Infrastructure Services is a privatisation programme."

# Wheels in motion for Scania flotation

By Ross Tieman, industrial correspondent

largest truckmaker and UK market leader in heavy lorries, is to be floated off by its Swedish parent with a price tag of between £2.8 billion and £3.7 billion.

The sale of a 70 per cent stake by Investor, the industri-al colossus controlled by the Wallenberg family, will be among the largest non-privatisation flotations attempted.
World demand for trucks
over 16 toranes, in which Scania specialises, appears to have peaked. But Scania has

just completed the renewal of its model range and is rapidly increasing market share. Last year, it sold 44,600 trucks and buses worldwide, an increase of 33 per cent. In

Britain, its biggest market after Brazil, Scama sold 5,380 lotries, to take third place in the 16-tomes plus segment. But in January it overtook Volvo and Leyland DAF to take first place.

The company's net income during 1995 was Kr3.28 billion (£306 million). a 28 per cent rise on sales which were ahead 13 per cent to Kr34.9 billion (£3.26 billion).

In Europe, its biggest single market, Scania last year lifted its market share from 128 per cent to 14.7 per cent. The company has assembly plants in Holland, Sweden and France. It is also a big player in Latin America, manufacturing in Brazil, Argentina and Mexico.

Court told of Nadir money movements.

# 'PPI used to transfer millions'

By Jon ASHWORTH

ASIL NADIR and his wealthy associates used Polly Peck International (PPI). to transfer millions of pounds in personal funds from northern Cyprus to Britain, a court ard yesterday.

Money paid locally to Unipac, a packaging subsidiary, was matched in London by PPI, which credited the funds in sterling to UK bank accounts. Turkish lira held on deposit in northern Cyprus accumulated interest at rates as high as 100 per cent, contributing vast sums to PPL Details of the money tramiers emerged on the third day

of the trial of Elizabeth For- that the sums had symetimes syth, former financial adviser to Mr Nadir. Mrs Forsyth, 59, denies two counts of handling £400,000 in stolen funds. Lawrence Tindale, one of

four non-executive directors of PPL told the court that the board agreed to the transfers on the basis that funds were equally marched. The Terkish lina was a "soft" currency at the mercy of high rates of inflation and people in north-ern Cyprus wanted to get their money out. They deposited large amounts of lira into igeal bank accounts and received the equivalent from a PPI subsidiary in London. - Mr Tindale told the jury

run into millions of pounds. Those involved included members of the Nadir family and other local businessmen.

The court heard that interest on funds available to Unipac provided "substan-tial" profits, which were fed into the PPI accounts. The catch was that there was no certainty that interest payments would be bonoured.

The court beard that Mr Tindale and his fellow directors had spent several months trying to tackle a "shortage of cash" at PPI in the months before the group went into administration in October 1990. The mial continues.

# Imro fines second

Finlay firm £17,500 A CITY watchdog has fined a second company within the James Finlay banking group for serious rule breaches. Imro, the regulator for fund managers, yesterday fined James Finlay Investment Management (JFIM) £17,500, plus £23,500 in costs, for falling to keep proper records and for not supplying accurate information to Imro. The offences occurred between October 1992 and December 1994. On the charge of failing to provide accurate information. Impossible charge of failing to provide accurate information. Imro said that JFIM stated that it carried out monitoring procedures on

a regular basis and that compliance arrangements had been effective "when this was not the case". Last November, imro fined Warne Investment and Financial Services, also part of the James Finlay group. £80,000 - more than a year's worth of profits - and ordered it to pay £25,000 in costs. JFIM has £109 million of funds under mangement and some 2,000 customers. The company declined to comment yesterday.

# Rom Data inquiry

OFFICERS involved in the joint investigation between the Serious Praud Office and Devon and Cornwall police into Rom Data, the failed West Country computer company kom Data, the tailed West Country computer company that crashed after receiving £850,000 of taxpayers' money, are to fly to Cork in the Irish Republic next week to interview two former directors, John Dawson and his wife Elizabeth. The police have completed interviewing former employees of Rom Data, many of whom were owed wages when the company collapsed.

# Competitors sue AT&T

BELL ATLANTIC and DSC Communications have filed a \$3.5 billion lawsuit against AT&T, claiming that it monopolised the market for equipment, software and caller 1D services. The companies allege that AT&T is delaying and preventing the use of inteconnecting phags needed by vendors such as DSC. AT&T is accused of "sabotaging" interface standards to connect other manufacturers' equipment to telephone switches. The lawsuit seeks to recover damages. Including lost profits, for the period when AT&T was engaged in blocking information.

# Hornby warning

HORNBY Group, the toymaker, said profits for the 15 months to March 31 would be below stock market expectations. This follows the disposal of Fletcher International Sports Boats, a loss-making subsidiary, for £315,000, giving rise to an asset write-off of £2.9 million and a £1.3 million charge against goodwill. Results would also be burdened by net provisions of £700,000 relating to the write-off of an investment in America and severance payments. Malcolm Thomas will step down as chairman. Peter Newey, chief executive, will succeed him.

# Williams venture

WILLIAMS GROUP is to establish a joint venture in China between Yale Locks, part of its security products division, and Guangdong Guli Locks. The venture will manufacture more than 25 million locks a year and employ around 4,000 people. It will have an initial total investment of £35 million. Williams, which will have management control, will have a 45 per cent interest in the new company. Guangdong Guli will have 40 per cent interest and the American Interna Group will hold the final 15 per cent.

# Unilever's Chilean deal

UNILEVER has agreed to buy Consorcio Agro-Industrial de Malloa, a Santiago food business, from a Chilean subsidiary of BAT Industries; Empresas CCT, for \$102 million in cash. Completion of the sale is expected by the end of this month. Malioa is one of Chile's leading food companies. It has 700 full-time employees producing and marketing tomato-based products and canned fruit and vegetables. Five companies are understood to have bid for the firm, with Empresas CCT narrowing the list to Unilever and Heinz.

# Slough to sell in Sydney

SLOUGH ESTATES has exchanged conditional contracts to sell its four properties in Sydney for A\$115 million (£57 million) to Equitable Property Trust, a fund managed by Colonial Mutual. The sale price of the 1.66 million sq ft is near to its book value, the company said. Slough Estates recently sold its Adelaide properties, raising A\$13 million and will also soon sell its Melbourne properties. It will use the money to reinvest in the UK, continental Europe and North America where it said it sees "better opportunities to expand".

# BTR \$80m acquisition

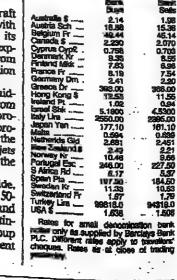
BTR, the UK engineering company, has acquired the vibration control division of America's GenCorp Inc for \$80 million. The division, a leading manufacturer of vibration control components for cars and light lorries, has annual turnover of more than \$150 million and employs about 1,200 people. It will form part of BTR's anti-vibration systems group, whose existing operations are in Brazil, Germany, Britain and Spain, establishing an enlarged group with turnover of \$550 million.

### Saab reduces aircraft losses

SAAB, the Swedish aircraft maker that has teamed with British Aerospace to offer its JAS 39 Gripen fighter in export markets, cut losses from Kr522 million to Kr354 million (E33.1 million) last year.

The improvement was aid-ed by increased revenues from defence, as the Gripen programme shifted into the pro-duction phase. Some 14 of the single-engine, high-agility jets have now been delivered to the Swedish Air Force, But the civil aircraft side,

building the high-speed, 50seat Saab 2000 turboprop and the Saab 340 30-scater continued in lose money. Group sales totalled 63 per cent ahead at Kr7.92 billion.



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☐ Farnell debate highlights fund managers' dilemma ☐ Further price falls in prospect ☐ Granada's swoop is the prelude to a bid

THE paradox that arises from the scrap over a fairly insignificant Yorkshire distributor of electronic components is that the decision by some City institutions to break cover comes after years of criticism for their supine and unprincipled behaviour.

Time after time, especially on issues like executive pay and

Inne after time, especially on issues like executive pay and share options and at annual meetings such as British Gas last year, the private shareholders have been baying for management blood. But the institutions have always, with apologies to Cedric the pig, saved their bacon. Now some of those bodies have come forward for the first time to push their views in

time to push their views in public, and have been criticised for it. With all due respect to Farnell's US ambitions, this is the most interesting aspect of the battle to force through the £1.8 billion bid for Premier.

Standard Life's decision to go public with its opposition to the deal was an attempt to head off yet another rubber-stamping ex-ercise. For this the Scottish institution deserves a double vote of thanks from sharabolders for of thanks from shareholders, for not only raising the level of the debate about the deal itself but also bringing the whole issue of institutional accountability back on the City's agenda.

The selective use of publicity, as practised by Standard Life and Mercury Asset Manage-

Standard bearer for change as Standard Life, are groping towards a viable solution. They

ment at the close of the Forte-Granada bid battle, is not a solution to the problems of transparency in itself. In many ways it creates a situation that is say an annual statement of aims by an institution would provide a ways it creates a situation that is more confusing for companies and shareholders, with certain institutions employing tactical releases of information to bolster their positions while others ad-here religiously to the old tra-ditions of secrety. yardstick by which investors could measure the actions of fund managers. Inevitably the statement would need to be inclusive, but it would allow investors to demand

and to justify every one would be horribly time consuming.

But some fund managers, such

explanations of subsequent behaviour that apparently contravened that stated policy. The mundane day-to-day decision-taking could carry on as before, but institutions would become ditions of secrecy.

There is a risk that this will lead to powerful institutions "steamrolling" decisions, a practice that companies themselves are banned from using. The obvious alternative, obliging all institutions to go public, is not a sensible course of action either. become increasingly accountable for their more controversial actions. sensible course of action either.

Any regulatory measures would face bitter opposition from the institutions, fearful that breaking the bond of confidentiality with companies would undermine the system of nods and winks that allows them privileged information. It is also impractical; large institutions have to react to hundreds of deals, bids and results every day, and to justify every one would be

Bargaining power.

KENNETH Clarke is relying heavily on British consumers to restore the "feel-good" factor and his party's electoral fortunes, but whether they can deliver the goods is still one of the most contentions aconomic the most contentious economic issues around.

Mervyn King, the Bank of England's director of economics,

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this week succinctly described this week succincily described the chasm between two different types of consumer. There is the individual still burdened with the high levels of debt left over from the 1980s whose income has barely kept up with inflation, low as this has been, and who may perhaps also be suffering from negative equity. But there are also those lucky souls who will benefit from large one-off payments as their building societies are taken over or from a maturing Tessa and suddenly enjoy some serious disposable income.

some serious disposable income.

Whether Mr Clarke succeeds in getting the 3 per cent growth he has forecast will depend on which group proves more powerful. But one thing is undeniable.
The British consumer is getting

value for money like never before because of a Mexican wave of competition rolling across all areas of retailing. January's headline inflation rate fell to its lowest level for more than a year partly because of vicious price competition between electrical

goods retailers.
Inflation is likely to fall even further in February as the temperature of the petrol and supermarket price wars heats up another notch. As soon as the Government slaps extra duty on petrol, so suppliers seem to march it with discounts. A cut of four to five pence a litre, an estimate from the Central Statistical Office in February, should take 0.3 per cent off headline inflation for that month.

And then there are the super-

And then there are the supermarkets. After a demolition derby of price cutting in January, more is to come. One chain is offering another bonus month, another is promising 1986 prices to its cuttingers. And the retail to its customers. And the retail prices index doesn't even pick up those savings earned through loyalty cards. With building societies cutting mortgage rates to win market share and insur-

ers stunned into efficiencies by the success of outfits like Direct Line, there seems no end to the benefits to be enjoyed by consumers. But will it all be enough at the polling booths?

### Programme trading

☐ THE elaborate cars cradle that connects the various in-dependent television contractors was always going to have to be disentangled one day. Granada's dawn raid on Yorkshire is in the nature of a pre-emptive sword stroke across those strings.

The permutations were endless — witness the heated speculation when dealers learned of the dawn raid but not the identity of the raider. Was it Carlton, grabbing a chunk of Yorkshire ahead of a deal with MAI that would swap Carlton's remaining shares in Meridian, where MAI has the majority, for MAI's 14 per cent of Yorkshire? Alternatively, if it was Granada having would this arrows buying, would this prompt Carlton to go for MAI, scuppering last week's merger

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with United News & Media?
Anyone still following this should be aware that there are at least two other ITV contractors also up for grabs and with large stakes held elsewhere. Scottish and HTV. What this frantic activity is all about is taking positions ahead of this summer's relaxation of rules on TV ownership, which will allow any one company to own 15 per cent of the audience including satellite, cable and the BBC, and preparing for the next franchise round.

The big TV companies, like the

Sunday retailers a couple of years ago, have decided that if the law is going to change, they might as well anticipate this and get in before the competition.

MAI and United needed a park-MAI and United needed a parking orbit for the Express titles ahead of relaxation of crossmedia ownership rules; Granada has likewise warehoused for now the small percentage of Yorkshire shares it is not yet allowed to own, but this is still a takeover waiting to happen.

This is all of doubtful morality, and the Independent Television Commission for one is far from

Commission for one is far from pleased. As to the 1999 franchise round, Granada and Yorkshire combined would be making al-most half of all the programmes supplied to the ITV network, a commanding position. No one ever accused Gerry Robinson of not thinking ahead.

# Shell ready to make big cuts in capacity

SHELL, Europe's largest oil refiner, is considering a reduction in capacity of about 30 per cent through closures and

John Jennings, chairman of Shell Transport and Trading, said yesterday a restructuring of the company's refineries "is a serious and high priority issue". Discussions had

reached a "delicate" stage.
Industry analysts believe
the Berre l'Etang refinery, the
smaller of Shell's two plants in France, could be closed. In the, UK, a reduction in capacity would be most likely to affect Shellhayen, with capacity to process 92,000 barrels of crude per day (bod). The larger Stanlow refinery, with capacity of 262,000 bpd; is

Shell is Europe's largest refiner, with regional capacity of more than 1.6 million bod-through 12 refineries, just ahead of Exxon Corp. British Petroleum has already taken action to reduce overcapacity in refining and Mr Jennings said he expected the pressure on worldwide refining mar-

gins to continue. Yesterday Shell reported a

£300 million rise in net income to a record £4.4 billion for 1995, although fourth-quarter income was reduced to £851 million from £1.117 billion because of a downturn in chemicals and rising supply costs. The total dividend rises to 33.3p from 27.1p on earnings per share of 47.8p against 45p in 1994.

Manufacturing, marine and marketing earnings had been affected by depressed profit margins throughout the year, the group said. Crude oil production of 2.3 million barreis a day was 3 per cent higher than in 1994 and natu-ral gas sales were up 4 per cent. The group remains optimistic about prospects. Crude oil production is expected to increase, with higher oil volin the US, where new developments in the Gulf of Menco will more than offset declines from maturing onshore fields,

Crude oil prices last year were on average \$1.25 a barrel higher than in 1994

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# THE BOSS HAS DECIDED THAT A NEW TELECOMS SYSTEM CAN MAKE EVERYBODY MORE FLEXIBLE.

# Port dispute sees Mersey Docks slip A PROLONGED and bitter

industrial dispute at the Port of Liverpool has so far cost Mersey Docks and Harbour Company £4 million and contributed to a decline in pre-tax profits to £31.7 million from £33.6 million in 1995 (Martin Barrow writes).
Industrial action began

when 80 men dismissed from an independent stevedoring company established a picket line, which 329 Mersey Docks port workers refused to cross. They were dismissed and a new worklorce was recruited. The original workers subsequently rejected an £8 million settlement package. Pre-tax profits were further

affected by a £3.3 million loss at Eurolink, Mersey's ferry operation. Earnings fell to 24.48p a share from 25.33p,

# **Airtours** in £60m acquisition

AIRTOURS, the UK's second largest tour operator, has acquired Simon Spies Holdings, which has a 40 per cent share of the Danish holiday market, for a total of £60 million (Marianne Curphey It is also expected to make

an announcement soon on a deal with Carnival Corp. America's largest cruise group, which will lead to Carnival taking a stake of up to 30 per cent in Airtours. Spies' tour business and hotels were bought from Conair Consolidated Aircraft by Airtours' subsidiary company Scandinavian Leisure Group for £10 million in cash. It also spent £50 million on aircraft and assets which had previously been leased.

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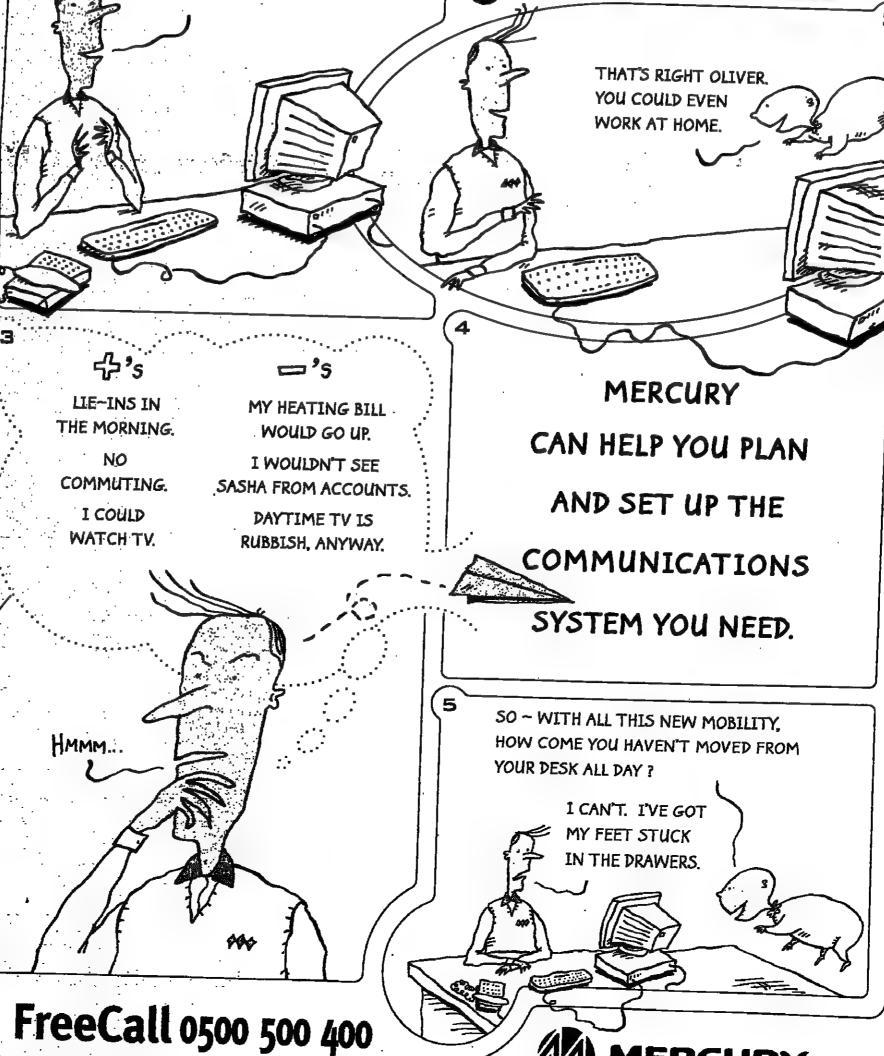
record net earnings and sales in 1995, but gave warning that its consumer electronics business was still in the doldrums. Net profit on ordinary activ-

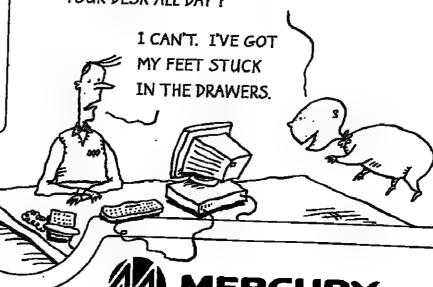
ities rose to 2.684 billion guilders £1.06 billion) last year from F12.049 billion, on turnover 6 per cent higher at F164.5 billion

Jan Timmer, the president, who will be succeeded by Cor Boonstra in October, said the results were "a nice leaving gift for an old man who has worked hard. The group was particularly satisfied with a 16

share, he said.

The record results reflected growth at the components and semiconductors division. where operating profit rose FI 600 million to FI22 billion, and a strong performance in lighting. Consumer electronics, accounting for roughly one third of turnover, saw operating profit decline by Fi331 million to FI118 million. Losses at Grundig, the German subsidiary, and continuing price erosion in Europe prevented a recovery in this division. Tempus. page 26





When mankind meets machine, Mercury can help.



MICHAEL CLARK

# Rate cut pressure pushes shares near all-time high

MOUNTING pressure for a cut in interest rates sent share prices to within a whisker of their all-time high. The FT-SE 100 index closed at its best of the day at 3,779.8, a rise of 34.8, in spile of a lacklustre performance overnight on Wall Turnover reached

more than 800 million shares. It followed further bullish news for Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, with inflation below 3 per cent in January. Dealers said it provided evidence that there was further scope for a cut in interest rates. Initial reaction to the findings of the Scott inquiry was also

favourably received.

BET, the cleaning, security
and building services group. surged 342 p to a new high of 1842 p after Rentokil confirmed market whispers that it had approached the company with a view to making an agreed bid. City speculators claim Rentokil will have to pay around 200p a share, valuing BET at £1.9 billion. The size of the bid means the terms are expected to be a mixture of cash and shares.

Rentokil shares responded with a fall of 26p to 336 p. with brokers worried about the expected earnings dilution. Clive Thompson, chief executive, has set himself a target of at least 20 per cent earnings growth per annum.

Brokers were alerted to the possibility of a bid for BET by the high level of turnover in its shares. An inquiry by the Stock Exchange is expected to be launched into possible insider trading.

Granada extended its recent spending spree by spending stake in Yorkshire-Tyne Tees Television. In a dawn raid carried out by ABN Amro Hoare Govett and BZW it picked up a further 3.15 million shares, or 6.12 per cent of the company, at £10 a share. A joint venture company controlled by Granada and up 2 million shares, amounting to 3.88 per cent.

Yorkshire responded to the move with a leap of 150p to £10.17, with the warrants adding 158p at 825p. The move increases Granada's direct holding from 13.87 per cent to almost 20 per cent.

Granada emphasised it was not poised to make a full bid unless someone else moved. bidders, while it is in the



the rest of the media sector, with Scottish Television 57p higher at 685p, Pearson up 27p at 706p, BSkyB 7p dearer at 391p, Mirror Group op dearer at 209p, and Golden a bid approach. The others include East Midland, up 6p at 730p. and London, 3p firmer at 748p.

Shire Pharmaceuticals enjoyed a spectacular stock mar-

CRH traded at a peak of 515p after addressing about 40 fund managers at building products seminar arranged by Kleinwort Benson, the broker. Harry Sheridan. finance director, says the group will continue to achieve its target of 15 per cent earnings growth and 12 per dividend growth per annum.



Rose 11p better at 64p. MAI, which last week agreed a £2.9 billion merger with United News & Media, jumped 24p to 446p, with the speculators still holding out for another company to bid. United News was 7p better at 639p.  Bid speculation was also revived in Yorkshire Electricity where the price stood out with a rise of 17p to 733p as more than 1.5 million shares	ket debut with the shares climbing above the 200p level in first-time trading. The group, which specialises in prescription medicines for age-related diseases, ended at 218p, a premium of 43p over the original placing price of 175p. By the close 6.54 million shares had changed hands.  There was a distinct sigh of relief reverberating around Wetherby after Farnell Elec-	
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heaper at 534p.
William Jacks continued to reel from Wednesday's profits warning with a fall of 15p to 38p. The group forecast a final figure of at least £600,000,

down from £795,000 last time. Hornby, the model railway group, has disposed of its loss This helped offset news of a profits warning and lifted the shares 17p to 170p.

GILT-EDGED: Prices closed mixed with support

directed at the ten-year level on hopes of a rate cut. Longerdated issues finished a touch softer where changed. Brokers said the inflation fall had been sidered positive. In the futures pit, the March series of the long gilt firmed three ticks to close at £1081516 as 52,000 contracts were completed. In longs, Treasury 8 per cent 2013 shorts Treasury 8 per cent 2000 added E's to £1041132. □ NEW YORK: A rally in would otherwise have been a flat morning's trading. At midday the Dow Jones industrial average was up 7.59 points, at 5.587.14.

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# Rats on the treadmill

and mice, Rentokil wants to pursue bigger game but investors would probably be better off without trophies. No one can accuse Rentokil of reticence when it comes to making acquisitions. The group chalked up an impressive growth record acquiring dull, badly run service businesses and squeezing more profit out of them by raising prices and

However, BET is no more than another collection of service businesses, not noticeably underperforming. A likely price of £1.9 billion - assuming the bid is to have BET's blessing - will certainly mean that Rentokil will have to issue some paper. The question is whether that paper will carry the high value that

Rentokil's shares enjoy.

Rentokil has impressive management skills

HAVING made a name for itself catching rats and its track record of improving the margins of its new businesses is so far unbroken. But the ambitious target of 20 per cent per annum growth makes the company a hostage to fortune and such goals cannot be won indefinitely. BET does make sense for Rentokil; there is scope for margin improvement in the business and room for streamlining. However, BET had already embarked upon the job with plans for disposal of some businesses and add higher value operations.

Acquisition of BET will propel Rentokil firmly into the conglomerate stakes. BET shareholders stand to gain a premium but it is less clear how Rentokil will reward its own shareholders who will demand ever more from the larger group. If they are to be satisfied, Rentokil may have embarked on a Hanson-like treadmill.

could do so by giving capital

back to shareholders, money on deposit which is currently

carning just 4 per cent. Shell

has reconciled itself to the

notion that smaller can be

beautiful - hence the shrink-

ing of head office - but it

needs to act more quickly in

areas like refining. A useful

model could be its own US subsidiary. Shell Oil.

While Shell has the cash -

some £7 billion of liquid

levels of dividend, much of it

has been generated from disposals rather than profits

from operations. Over the

past five years the oil com-pany has shed assets worth

If Shell was really keen to

raise its rate of return, it

about £4 billion.

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### Shell Transport

SHELL seemed to be talking about two different companies yesterday. On the one hand, it raised the dividend a thumping 23 per cent, indicated an increase of capital expenditure to £8 billion and spoke confidently of a 15 per cent return on capital target. Yet the same company reported appalling fourth-quarter results. Profits from

and the outlook for refining marketing remains weak. Shell's opstream businesses are not replacing the oil and gas pumped out of the ground at an ever more rapid rate and the whole gre return of 10.6 per cent. The increased payout

looks defensive rather than an emblem of confidence and will take up more than 70 per cent of earnings.

### **Philips**

THE only disappointment in Philips's results was the performance of the consumer sales rose slightly but operating income plummeted.

Philips put most of the blame on the continued weakness in its Grundig unit, which was hit by low demand and continuing price pressure in Europe. Fortunately for Philips, and for its shareholders, it is already doing something about the loss-making Grundig. Earlier this month it planned to lay off some 3,000 workers. about a quarter of its staff. Philips also said that from next year it will no longer automatically plug Grundig's losses. It has done so since 1984 because of an agreement struck with the ully in exchange cent stake.

er, Philips's ts announcein October, that Grundig may break even next year. Failure will leave Philips with a stark choice. It will have to sell the Grundig stake, or it will have to once again move production out of expensive Germany and into other, cheaper, countries. However 'good Philips's re-sults in other areas, it cannot go on reporting disasters in a

# Mersey Docks

WITHOUT the labour dispute, Mersey Docks shares would be a strong buy. Ton-nage figures released yester-at Trafalgar Docks. day indicate that the port is bustling and, but for the sixweek shutdown, container traffic would have been up 14- terminal, an unfortunate iroper cent, because of two new ny for the sacked dockers. customers.

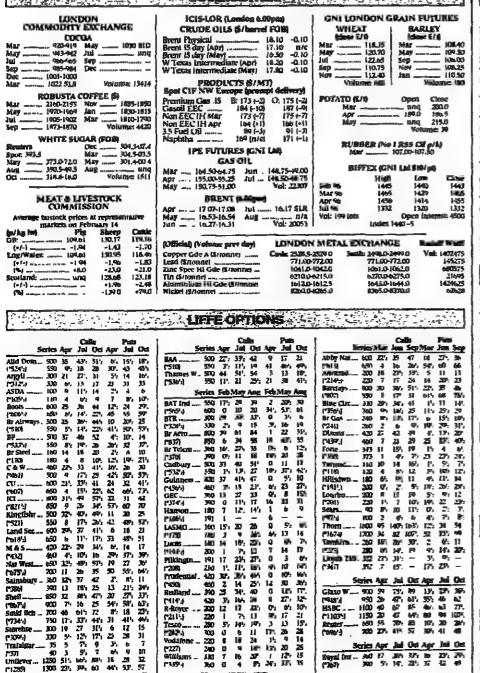
GDP, but the real story behind the growth of the larger ports groups is the gradual shares are worth buying. takeover of business from

developments with customers. Britain is overserved with small ports, but the abolition of the Dock Labour Scheme has enabled the large norts, such as Southamoton and Liverpool, to invest in new terminals and build storage facilities for customers.

Mersey Docks invested £42 million last year in its ports, including phase one of the Sheerness produce terminal. The new facilities at Medway showed up at once in a boost in fruit tormages. More investment is planned at Liverpool, including a new terminal for Irish Sea traffic

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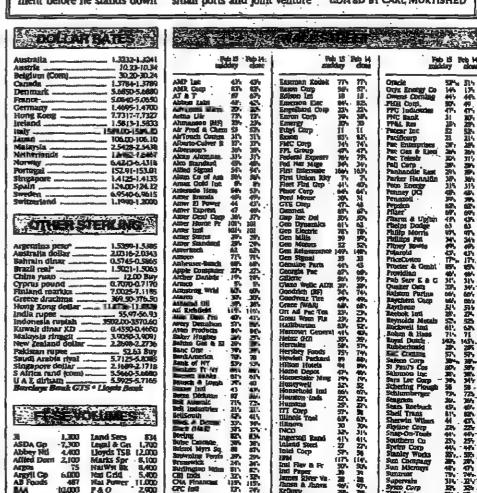
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IT EEMS the British are no ready for upmarket fis and chips. While Harry Ramsden's Yorkshire enporium goes from trength to strength, a restaurant selling a rather posher version of the national dish -- complete with Japanese sauces and sundried tomatoes - has closed after six months.

M. Fish was based within sight of Tower Bridge from the World Trade Centre. Alas, despite hiring the respected chef Anconsultant, M Fish suffered from cruel press reviews and poor evening trade. Those City types just

### A health matter

fast food ...

don't seem to want fancy

IF YOU bank at NatWest's Harley Street branch, I trust you are healthy and like a walk. After 74 years. NatWest is to close its branch at 154 Harley Street and transfer all business and client operations to 10 Marylebone High Street NatWest says it's all to do the Marylebone branch is "no more than half a mile

### Strike a light

GUESTS at Ronson's centenary party at Bibendum last night had their dreams come true. The James Dean lookalike leather-clad hunk, astride a Harley Davidson, whose picture had adorned the invitations that chief executive Howard Hodgson sent out to his bash, was, there ... in the fiesh. The hunk was none other than Howard Hodgson Junior. 22, Ronson's international had lit up the cigarette dangling from his lips with one of daddy's lighters for the invitation: photograph.



# Farmyard facts

LIES, damned lies and porkies? January's inflation news may have been good, but the Central Statistical Office offered dark warnings yesterday that we are about to be caught in a vicious hog cycle. Bacon prices are rising sharply because the Japanese are buying Danish rashers. Animal husbandry may be unfamiliar ground to Jon McGinty, the CSO's retail prices expert, but he also solemnly explained that the hot summer weather had put sows off their boars, and there are very few piglets around this spring.

# Shell in tune

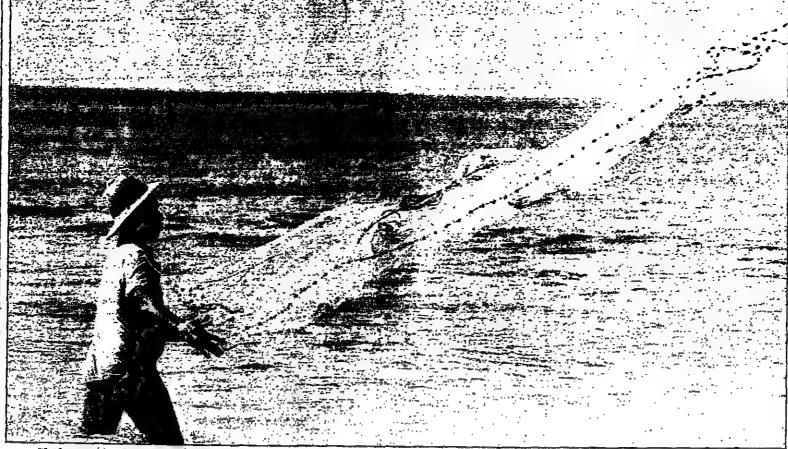
THE fashion for New Age music with environmental themes has caught up with Shell, the oil company, As journalists entered Shell's press conference auditorium, yesterday, decked out in harsh 1960s red and yellow velour, they were greeted with the dreamy sound of Enya singing ... The Memory of Trees.

# Flying high

SBC WARBURG has appointed a replacement for Derek Higgs, the high-flying corporate financier who - after a brief holiday in Europe — jets off to join the Pru at the end of the month. Stephen Latner, a member of SBC Warburg's investment banking board, has been promoted to the post of UK country head.

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casting for barracuda in the Caribbean - havestigators want the net tightened around foreign illegals who take sanctuary in island states

# Lax laws of 'sunshine states' allow criminals a life of ease

nternational fraudsters are enjoy-ing the fruits of their crimes in some of the world's most pleasant sun-spots. They are doing so safe in the knowledge that, even though law-enforcement officers know who they are and what they have done, they are powerless to do anything about it.
This week, in an interview with

The Times, senior officials from the Serious Fraud. Office expressed their concern that efforts to prosecute criminals and choke off the proceeds of their ill-gotten gains are being hampered by: many small island states, from the Caribbean to the Pacific.

The SFO and other international encies such as the FBI, interpol and the Financial Action Task Force, to which 26 Governments, including the United Kingdom, are signatories, believe that many island authorities are deliberately making it harder for investigators to gather evidence needed to secure a prosecution.

The example quoted most often is that of the Seychelles and its Economic Development Act (EDA), which has been dubbed a "moneylaunderers' charter. Investigators say that the Seychelles legislation, which has the personal backing and involvement of President Albert. Rene, is hindering their efforts to cut that they will get be-off the flow of hundreds of billions of youd tracing the pounds from the proceeds of money to an "opaque" organised crime that circulates trust or bank account. round the international money sys-

tem every year. Critics of the EDA claim that for a fee of \$10 million, criminals, including UK citizens, will be given diplomatic status in the Seychelles and a guarantee that their assets will be protected if any foreign authority tries to seize or even trace them.

One way of squeezing money-laundering out of the system is for

Robert Miller reports on hindrances that

blunt the fight against international crime

tions in different countries to not only know their client but to know where the money comes from and how it was earned. In Britain, for example, any suspicious transactions must be reported to the authorities.

Law-enforcement officers believe that money being lodged in numer-ous small "friendly" island states around the world is not checked out, even though there is ample evidence to say that it is the proceeds of a criminal act, whether from drugs, bank robberies or other types of international fraud.

Chris Dickson and Patricia Howse, two of the SFO's most senior lawyers, believe that they are having to drop potential prosecutions because small island states are deliberately putting obstacles in their way. They say that in some

can take two years or. more, and even then there is no guarantee To gain access to

vital evidence many Commonwealth countries require that criminal proceedings have been commenced before consideration can be given to providing evidence. But without such evidence it is often impossible to banks and other financial institumount a prosecution.

Result? "The crooks go free," says Mr

One of the reasons that criminals have had to move their money to more exotic locations is the success that a series of treaties and conventions have had in driving money-laundering out of Europe. Even Switzerland, for example, is far less secretive than it was although securing evidence can still be very time-consuming and more laborious than it needs to be.

One possible new weapon that could be added to the SFO's armoury is a "Hearsay Act", which is being considered by the Law Commission. This would allow statements taken from witnesses overseas to become admissible evidence in a UK court.

What has hampered progress in forging closer ties with Caribbean islands is antiquated legislation. Also, it is not possible Commonwealth

the grounds that the Queen is head of state in both cases, and she cannot make a cooperation treaty with herself. The same principle applies also the Channel Islands. Dianne Stafford, as-

sistant director of the legal and constitutional affairs department of the Commonwealth Secretariat, believes that the next major

issue to be addressed

by many members is how developed countries can help the smaller, less developed economies to provide better co-operation in fighting money-

She says: "It is important that there is a more concerted effort to beat the money-launderers. But in many cases we are talking about governments struggling with how to build a viable economy that will sustain development. If these countries do not have natural resources they are almost certain to turn to areas such as the financial services industry. Most island states around the world have also been the victims of fraud."

Ms Stafford also points out that in many cases there is neither the personnel nor sufficient resources to iackle sophisticated money-launderers. She believes that if the fight against the fraudsters is to be more effective on the international stage then the developed countries will have to help the island states develop more robust regulatory

There is no doubt that fraud agencies have developed much closer ties with each other. On that level co-operation and the exchange of useful information between police officers, lawyers and forensic accountants about criminal activities is far better than was the case say ten, or even five, years ago. But there is still a long way to go at government level in the different countries and further legislation is still needed to strengthen the hand of the fraudbusters.

While the fraudbusters are restricted in chasing criminals to other jurisdictions, the crooks simply pack their bags and jet off on the next plane to a suitably sunny and welcoming clime.

Without adequate powers, "it is a downward spiral of dirty money", Mr Dickson says.

# Gatecrashers ready to spoil MAI's party

Eric Reguly says the Hollick-Stevens marriage could end before a honeymoon

The proposed £3 billion merger between MAI and United News & Media is anything but certain. The deal, according to senior investment bankers. is just waiting to be spoiled. Said one. Everyone in the how to break this thing up. I give the merger no better than a 50-50 chance of going ahead." Even: Granada,

which just acquired Forte in

a £3.8 billion hostile takeover, is wondering whether the opportunity is too good to pass up. MAI and United unveiled week. Their idea is to create a media conglomerate, with interests ranging from the Anglia and Meridian ITV

franchises, held by MAI, to the Daily Express and Sunday Express under United's The trigger was the Broadcasting Bill, now making its way through Parlia-

ment, which will relax many of the restrictions on crossmedia ownership, allowing the formation of media groups with enough bulk to compete with

the likes of Walt Disney, which recently bought Ameri ca's ABC-TV network, and Time Warner, which is nego

tiating to buy

Ted Turner's US cable empire. But the have control over their merger was criticised as a defensive move.

On their own, MAI and United were thought to be sitting ducks. United was approached late last year by several investment groups keen to buy its struggling Express titles; MAI was simply valued. considered under-A closer examination of

the deal calls the whole "synergy" argument pro-... moted by Lords Hollick and Stevens, chiefs of MAI and United respectively, into question. While there may be some benefit in having ITV companies and newspapers under one roof, the gains from adding exhibitions and money-broking business to the mix are unclear. Yet newspapers and TV would account for only 44 per cent of the combined group's annual revenues of £1.9 billion.

The merger appears to have no immediate benefit to investors in either company. Since it is being com-

pleied though a share swap, shareholders receive no cash and are being offered no premium. Why, then, should they resist a counter-

Who might ride to the rescue of these shareholders? Cariton Communications, led by Michael Green. remains the top candidate. He broke short a Caribbean holiday last week to consider launching a bid for either. Under Takeover Panel rules, Mr Green has 60 days from Tuesday this week, when MAI and United posted their merger document, to make up his mind.

The obstacles to buying MAI, however, are considerable. Carlton and MAI together would control slightly less than 15 per cent the limit to be imposed by the Broadcasting Bill - but would run into trouble with the Office of Fair Trading over their much higher percentage of ITV advertising. Carlton gave the OFT an undertaking in 1994 that it

would control no more than the advertising **6** Everyone in market. An identical the media dertaking was looking at how to find a way to to break this "ring fence" thing up 🤊

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deemed not to adverstising income. Alterset up a separate company. one that would have to be more than half owned by a non-media company, to bid for MAI.

If those options failed to clear the regulatory minefield, Cariton could bid for United instead. Industry insiders think Mr Green would welcome the opportunity to reverse the declining fortunes of the Express

The risks are high, but Cariton is under pressure to stole the limelight when it bought Forte in January; MAI did the same with its proposed merger with United and the subsequent announcement that it is to build a £225 million filminspired theme park in west London in partnership with Warner Bros. The TV industry is consolidating quickly and Mr Green has to decide whether he can afford to sit on the sidelines.

# BUSINESS LETTERS >

# Let private sector coal industry compete on even terms

Sir, The Government's decision not to opt for a gas levy to bail out an ailing British Gas has to be good news for the coal mining industry. We have been arguing that such a levy would not have corrected the basic flaw in the gas market. The gas industry has still to find a solution to the funda-

mental problem to meet gas contracted under long-term take-or-pay contracts. This contractual stranglehold restricts the option for competition in gas supplies and has knock-on implications for coal Rather than a gas levy, or renegotiation of contract prices as suggested by others, we believe that the best solution would be scaling back of the take-or-pay obligations in. these anti-competitive contracts. The problem is one of volume - not of price. Under our proposals, customers would be able to benefit from

room to buy it, and British Gas and others would not have to dump gas by selling at prices well below their purchase costs.

Scaling back of gas contract

volumes would also encourage coal-on-gas competition in the electricity market. The "dash for gas" power stations that were ordered between 1990 and 1994 will produce electricity at a higher cost than existing coal-fired stations can achieve on compenitive and sustainable UK coal. We estimate that the cost of produc-ing electricity from these gas stations is 50 per cent higher than the electricity from existing coal-fired stations. However, the take or pay contracts force the gas stations to run in preference to their cheaper coal competitors.

In recent days we have seen that gas supplies to many of these stations have been interany cheap gas available since rupted by British Gas, just at

they would have the head- the time when the power was most needed. Coal plants are required to hold minimum fuel stocks; so why aren't gas stations? The value of flexible. reliable and economic coal plant that has helped keep the lights on should not be

understated. . All we seek is that the private sector coal industry be given the opportunity to compete on a fair and level playing field so that Britain's 22 million electricity users can share in the benefits of a competitive and reliable source of energy that will be available for generations to come. Yours faithfully, R. J. BUDGE, . President.

The Confederation of United Kingdom Coal Producers. Confederation House, Thomes Office Park, Denby Dale Road, West Yorkshire.

# It's not a laugh

Sir. Most of the pictures I have seen of Mr Gerry Robinson during the battle for Forte have shown him laughing heartily.
Surely the breaking up of a

business carefully built up since 1935 is no laughing I hope that Sir Rocco and his

colleagues will be able to buy back the hotels they want. The only trouble is, this will make the huge fees, payable by both sides to their advisers, look even more ridiculous. I wonder what Ms Galley

would have to say about that! Yours faithfully. A. J. DORMAN. 38 Kew Green, Richmond, Surrey.

**Business** and Finance section of The Times 0171-782 5112.

# Cold comfort

From J.P. Read Kaletsky's article ("Seismic shift over growth". January 30), I wonder how many people will be comforted by the thought that the extent to which they have been financially ruined by holding cash and bonds over the long term is because having a weak

currency is a positive virtue? Similarly, how many who have had the advantage of their funds in a strong curren-cy or bonds will consider that their continued financial strength is an economic evil that governments must do their utmost to fight?

It is as well to remember From R. I. Simpson that the ability of a government to maintain the probity influence exerted by Mercury and Mergers Commission

ability to honour its word. This clearly requires an understandiing of economic Sir, Following Mr Anatole fundamentals and the willingness and ability to put those into practice in its government

of the country.
Unless the laws of a country are soundly based and its finances soundly managed its economy will inevitably be damaged, land and/or labour not being properly employed, and the people suffering the consequences. Yours faithfully. J. P. READ.

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5 Turner Drive, NW11.

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# A question of consolation over Lloyd's building

Sir, As a long-suffering — and now non-underwriting member of Lloyd's of London, I have long consoled myself in the midst of my disasters with the thought that whatever my personal financial problems I at least retained the social cachet of being the owner of however infinitesimal a part of what is, without any possibiliry of a peradventure, the most hideous building in the history of the world.

(MMC), or the OFT?

News, February 5) that it has been sold - for less than it cost, naturally, for what else would one expect from the collective genius that has inspired Lloyd's over the last 20

What is left of consolation HUW GRIFFITH, Foys, Winchester.

Yours faithfully, the Granada bid for Forte, and also on previous successful R. L SIMPSON, bids, should not the takeover Chartfield. be referred to the Monopolies Park View Road. Woldingham.

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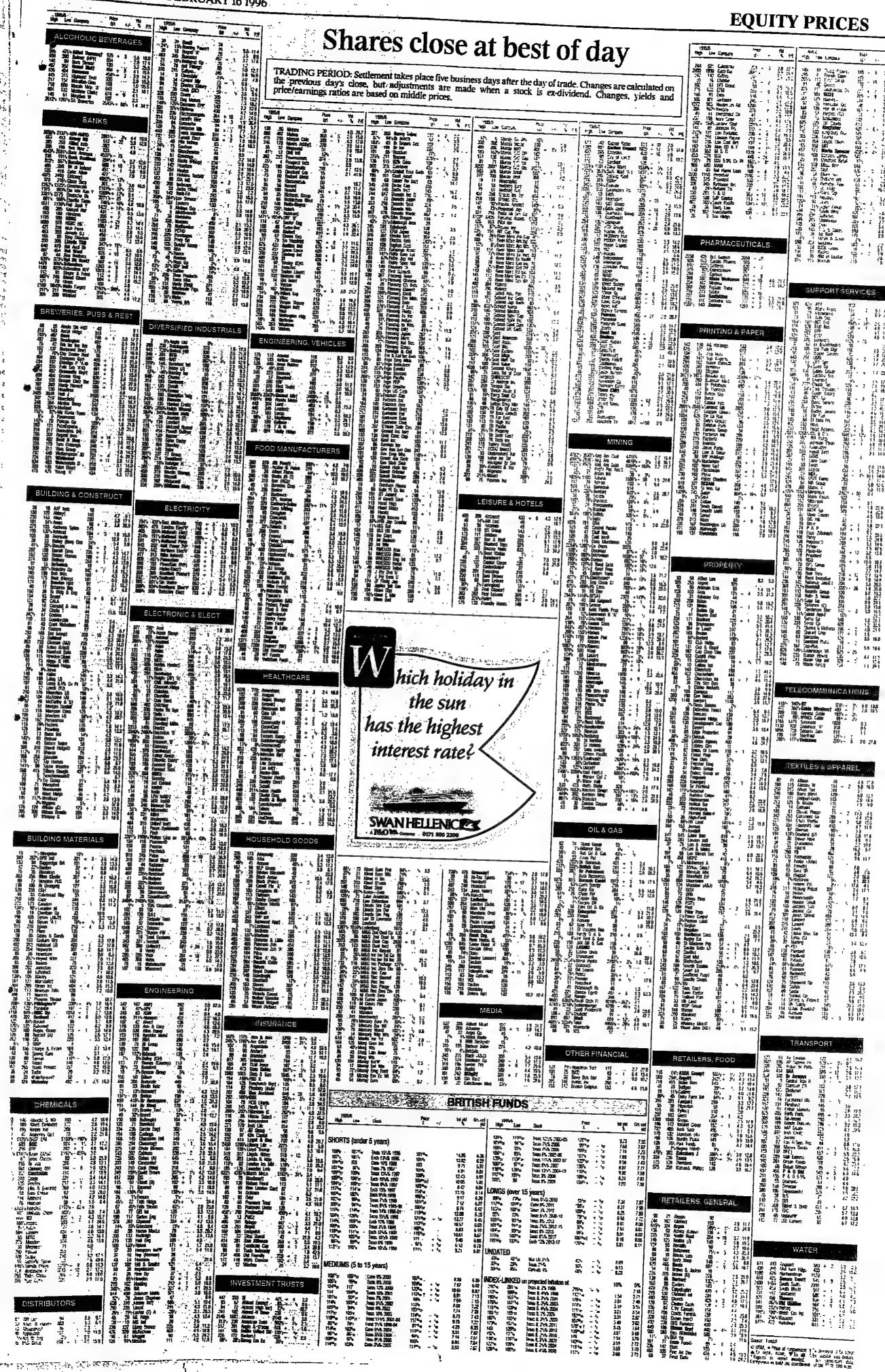
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**SCOTT REPORT** 

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against damage to British economic interests

The following are extracts from the summary of Sit Richard Scott's report:

Over the period from the ceasefire in August 1988 to the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait in August 1990 there was a relaxation in Government policy on the export of defence equipment and dual-use goods to Iraq. Policy on the export of lethal equipment remained unaftered. Applications for licences to export lethal equipment to Iraq were hardly ever made. When they were, they were refused. But the position regarding defence equipment not falling into the 'lethal" category and regarding dual-use equipment was

less clear cut. As to both non-lethal defence equipment and dual-use goods, of which machine tools and their accessories constitute the most important example, restrictions on exports to Iraq (and Iran) were still maintained. But the restrictions applied to Iraq were not the same as those which had been announced in 1985 and had been in force up to the

Shortly after the ceasefire a policy under which more liberal restrictions would be applied was discussed and ormulated and from February 1989 (on a trial basis) or April 1989 (on a confirmed basis), the new relaxed formulation was applied to exports to Iraq. The execution of Mr Bazoft in March 1990 provoked a decision to return to a stricter policy towards Iraq. In June and July 1990 a review of export policy to Iraq and Iran took place and resulted in a decision, reached in mid July 1990, to abandon the special restrictions on exports to Iraq of non-lethal defence equipment and of dual-use goods.

Throughout the period August 1988 to August 1990 restrictions were applied to the export of chemicals and of equipment with potential for the manufacture of chemical weapons or for use in connection with the deployment of those weapons. In addition,

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Peter Riddell Leading article Workers' price Winding road

the NNPT and MTCR were Over the period August 1988

to August 1990 there was, in relation to the export to Iraq of machine tools, a continuing tension between the FCO and the DTI. The DTI was consistently unsympathetic to restrictions on the export to Iraq of standard machine tools and their accessories. The basic reasons for the DTI attitude were twofold. First, the sale to Iraq of machine tools was of importance to the survival of the machine tool industry in the West Midlands. An inabilthreaten the survival of leading machine tool manufacturers, of whom Matrix Churchili

It was feared that the collapse of any of these companies would lead to a loss of jobs in an area where unemployment was already a seritherefore, every reason for the DTI to be anxious to promote the well being of the machine tool manufacturers. Second, the DTI was not persuaded that any important practical benefit could be achieved by refusing the export from the United Kingdom of machine

tools to Iraq.
The refusal would not deprive Iraq of the machine tools, Iraq would simply obtain the desired machine tools from manufacturers, trade rivals of the British companies. in other countries. The British exporters would suffer the detriment of loss of business. which would be taken up by foreign trade rivals, with no effect on Iraq save, perhaps, some marginal differences in

The FCO, on the other hand, was concerned with the political and presentational consequences of the sale to trag of the machine tools. The likelihood, if not the certainty, of many of the machine tools ending up in munitions or armaments factories was known. The political implications of Britain providing the means for Iraq to build up an indigenous armaments manuwith an understandable apprehension. The inclination within the FCO throughout the period was, therefore, to oppose the export of machine tools with a potential for the manufacture of armaments.

The MOD's de facto role in the DTI and the FCO was important. At the official level, the MODWG consistently recommended refusal of licences for machine tool exports to Hutteen and Nassr. These recommendations, which accorded with the FCO's inclination, were generally accepted level, however, after Mr Clark succeeded Lord Trefgarne as Minister (DP), MOD support for the DTI resulted, in cases where the case for refusal was not clear cut, in the FCO's

licences being overridden. The tension between PCO and the DTI was mirrored, within the MOD, by a not dissimilar tension between DESO, on the one hand, and the branches of the MOD with

# not explicit

vice on the military potential of exports including the DIS, on the other. DESS filled the role of "honest brokers" in trying to resolve these tensions, but seem when doing so generally to have tended to favour DESO, a tendency which became the stronger when Mr Clark became the

inclination for the refusal of

Minister (DP). Throughout the period

The Scott report: hundreds of pages detailing the inquiry's findings on the Government's role and responsibilities in the arms-to-Iraq affair under review, there were no applications for the export of machine tools to Iraq in which

the purpose for which the machines would be used was explicitly stated to be the manufacture of armaments. If there had been any such application, it would have been refused. The DTI might have argued in favour of the export and MOD/DESO might have given support, but the arguments would not, in my view, have prevailed against PCO opposition until

> departments that the intended use of the machine tools in Iraq was the manufacture of munitions, the position would. in my opinion, have been the same. The DTI would, I think, still have argued in favour of the export but the FCO would not have given way and, subject to a review of policy by senior ministers, would, I believe, have prevailed.

the review of policy in July

In the event, in none of the applications for export licences made by the machine

stated that the intended use of the machines in question was the production of ammunition or armaments. In nearly all the applications the stated intended use was couched in imprecise terms, such as "general engineering". In a number of cases the DTI put questions to the manufacturers to clarify the specifications of the machines. In very few cases, however, did the DTI criticise or demand amplification of the imprecise statement

easily satisfied. ers that the intended use of the machines was the production of armaments or munitions. In these cases the imprecise statements in the application forms constituted a deliberate concealment of the known intended use. This deceptive practice was attributable in part to the belief by the manufacturers that they had been encouraged by Mr Alan Clark, in his remarks to them

on 20 January 1988, to stress,

which the machines could be put. The deceptive practice was attributable also to a belief by the manufacturers that Government was aware that the likely use of the

Intelligence overlooked production and was complacent about that possibility. of intended use contained in the application forms. When Within the three licensing they did ask, they were very

departments, the argument as whether or not export should be granted was conducted on the basis that the use of the machines for armaments production was possible but not certain. The degree of believed likelihood varied from time to time. This basis of discussion was, having regard to the volume of intelligence regarding the likely or intended use of the machines, a false one.

In relation to some machines, the content of the room for doubt about the

the potential civil purposes to This was so of the machine tools to which the Intelligence Report of 30 November 1987 related, of the machine tools comprised in the Cardoen contracts, of the ABA machine tools (at least at the time when the revalidation application was being considered), and of Project 1728.

In the case of the machine tools to which the 30 November 1987 Report related; the exports were allowed to proceed for, mainly, source protection reasons, notwithstanding knowledge by

intended use. In relation to the other machine tools, the relevant intelligence, although available, was overlooked and not taken into account in the discussions. Some of the relevant items of intelligence had been distributed to the licensing departments but those involved in the licensing decisions had either forgotten about the intelligence or had not had their attention drawn to the items. Many items of intelligence had not been distributed to the licensing departments at all. Some items had been circulated within MOD/DIS but had not reached the DIS desk with responsibility for export li-

censing advice.
In addition to intelligence directed to specific machine tools or specific Iraqi projects. volume of intelligence from which the Iraqi concentration on building up an indigenous arms production industry was apparent. Individual items of intelligence taken in isolation might have been passed off as inconclusive.
The cumulative volume of

intelligence could not be so passed off. By November 1989. at latest, the probability that machine tools destined for Nasar would be used for military production purposes had become so strong that a professed reliance on the possibility of use in civil production and on the lack of certainty of an intended mili-tary use had become, in my opinion, equivalent to the Nelsonian use of the blind eye. But this, of course, assumes that the user of the telescope had been made aware of the relevant intelligence It is probably true that no one person was familiar with all the accumulated intelligence until, in June 1990, the IJC made the assessment that was required for the purposes of

the Iraq Note. The failure of the licensing departments to make effective use of available intelligence was compounded by the fail-ure of certain SIS officers to draw attention to inaccurate statements about current intelligence contained in submissions made by PCO officials to

FCO ministers. The relative lack of interest within SIS in Iraqi procurement diverted to conventional weapons and munitions, as opposed to weapons of mass destruction, was itself a product of the priorities imposed on the SIS by the JIC. It was an attitude shared with many sections of government, for example, SEND in the FCO. Mr Alan Clark made no secret of the clear distinction he drew between conventional weap-

ons and weapons of mass

vent Iraq from obtaining the former would, in the absence of an internationally agreed embargo, be bound to fail. A unilateral embargo would merely prejudice British exporters. Attempts to prevent Iraq from obtaining weapons of mass destruction, on the NNPT and the MTCR, significant international support and some prospect of practical

Accordingly, although it was clear government policy that exports to Iraq of any weapons, conventional or othand although the logic of this policy might be thought to demand a refusal to license the export to Iraq of machines intended for the manufacture of weapons, conventional or otherwise, there was, in my opinion, a lack of conviction shared by many sections of government in the value of or need for this policy in so far as standard machine tools, and other goods freely obtainable from other western countries, were concerned. I' believe it was this lack of conviction that ied the DTI, supported by the MOD, to regard the probability of an intended military use as insufficient to justify the refusal of export licences for the machine tools.

have already commented on the divergence between actual policy on exports to lirac and government statements of policy made in the period August 1988 to August 1990. Government's actual policy was well capable of being supported in argument. The utility of unilateral export restrictions was, and is, open

to serious question. The moral case for refusing to allow weapons and defencerelated goods to be freely exported to a country under a Saddam Hussein is to be set against the ability of Iraq to obtain the goods from other countries and the damage to British economic interests likely to be caused by the

# Iraqi atrocities against Kurds

unilateral restrictions. But the failure of government to be forthcoming in its public state-ments about its export policy to traq precluded a public debate on this important issue taking place on an informed basis. Parliament and the public were designedly led to believe that a stricter polcy towards non-lethal defence exports and dual-use exports to Iraq was being applied than was in fact the case.

The following extracts are from the main body of the

Over the period February 1989 to July 1989, a number of letters, signed mainly by Mr Waldegrave but a few by Lord Howe, were sent to MPs whose contituents had asked questions about government policy on defence sales to Irad The questions had been prompted by a variety of concerns. The concerns covered specific military exports to Iraq, Iraqi atrocities against the Kurds, Iraqi

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'I am justified in saying there was no change in policy and therefore no anything in Parliament'

William Waldegrave September 22 1993



'I realised this was a can of worms'

Lt-Col Richard Glazebrook, MoD. Telling inquiry Whitehall ignored Iraq's military buildup. May 11 1993





'There are circumstances in which ... it is justified to give an answer that falls short of the whole truth'

Sir Robin Butler, Cabinet Secretary, Feb 9 1994



'The extent to which

a parliamentary

answer should be

full, half full or empty

is up to the minister

Britain lives or dies by trade and has to maintain markets in some dodgy

David Mellor, former Foreign Office



'In the Matrix Churchill case it would have been terrible if a defendant had gone to jail as a result of non-

Michael Heseltine February 28 1994



The charge was that because I had been Chancellor, Foreign Secretary, Prime Minister, I must have known what was

going on' John Major January 17 1994



'I do not have

to tell you

that truth

is a very

difficult concept Many-faceted.

ian McDonaid,

MoD official,

'If I had seen a copy of every document made in my Government, I'd have been in a snow storm'

Baroness Thatcher December 8 1993

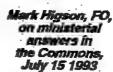


'i do not think there is anything very sinister in all this

Foreigh Office witness, May 4 1993



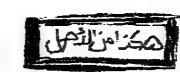
contributory reason as to why I left the Foreign Office'





Richard Luce, Minister 1983-85 and Scott's first





# The inquisitor and the 'hit-woman' who made ministers squirm in relentless quest for the truth

# Determined Scott braved critics' wounding blows

WHITEHALL CORRESPONDENT

Prose

SIR RICHARD SCOTT has been stong by criticism of his methods. He was accused of acting as "detective, inquisitor, advocate and judge" by the former Foreign Secretary Lord Howe of Aberavon who argued that the inquiry was a breach of natural justice because witnesses were not cross-examined.

Mere not cross-examined.

After the collapse of the Matrix Churchill trial in November 1992, the Opposition suggested that the inquiry should be carried out under the Tribunals of Inquiry (Evidence) Act 1921. This would have allowed full review would have allowed full representation by counsel for

The Government rejected this but otherwise gave Sir Richard free rein in determining the nature of the nouny. He was to be allowed to invite such witnesses as he saw fit and to decide the extent to which he sat in public. The procedures he idopted were to a considerable extent" for the judge to decide, Sir Nicholas Lyell, the Attorney-General, told. MPs at the time. Sir Richard

believes that representation ... by lawyers would have taken. up too much time and made the inquiry more adversarial. His team points out that witnesses were advised by counsel and granted immunity from prosecution. Civil servants were promised they would face neither disciplinary action nor damage to their careers.

John Major publicly de-fended the judge's methods. After Lord Howe launched his first attack on Scott when giving evidence to the inquiry in January 1994, the Prime Minister told the Commons: "It was the Government who set up the inquiry and gave Lord Justice Scott the free dom to pursue it as he thinks fit. I have no adverse comments to make on the way he

It is no surprise, then, that It is no surprise, then, that Sir Richard cannot wait to get back to "real life." When he accepted the appointment in November 1992, he thought that the job would probably last a year to 18 months. Since October 1994, he has

been juggling his administra-

at the High Court with finishing the report. What he really enjoys most, say his friends, is sitting on the bench. While he was working on the report he managed just three days in two banking cases. That his report has taken so long is down to his own

tive duties as Vice Chancellor

precision, his close attention to detail and his scrupulous belief in fairness. No doubt he could have produced a less comprehensive - and less - report before now. But he was determined to be thorough and avoid providing the inquiry's detractors with any ammunition. His critics, whose motive

has been to undermine the report even before it was completed, have dism him as a vain publicity seek-er, a meddler who enjoys the limelight too much. There are some in Whitehall who, in the cosy atmosphere of their clubs, will even mutter the words "class traitor" and ask darkly: "Whatever happened to positive vetting?" Those who know him well

report allegations of scandal in government was "one of the bulwarks of our democrafind the critcisms difficult to

an who loves horses, enjoys bridge and who turned up on the morning he was to question Baroness Thatcher in a cloth cap and riding a Ra-leigh Falcon bicycle. He looked as if he was off to the village fête rather than to take on the most powerful prime minister of modern times. Sir Richard, 6l, was born in India, where his father was an officer in the Gurkha Rifles, but he was moulded in South Africa and at Cambridge, where he was a rugby Blue. Despite such an Estab-lishment background, however, there is something of the litigation over the publication of Spycatcher, he made the landmark ruling that minis-ters could not gag Peter Wright, the book's author, a former M15 officer. in a phrase that should have alerted the Government to the kind of man it was putting in charge of the armsto-Iraq inquiry, Sir Richard said that press freedom to

Sir Richard, riding to work on his Raleigh Falcon

# Lawyer made her point with rapier

PRESILEY BAXENDALE was swiftly dubbed "Scott's hit-woman" after clashes with ministers. Ms Baxendale, 44, is renowned for her giggle but is a tough, clinical, fearless interrogator
– as witnesses from Prime Ministers to middle-ranking civil servants discovered,

The result of her exchanges with Baroness Thatcher were judged to be a score draw. At one point Lady Thatcher could not conceal her irritation at being asked the same question "again and again and again". But that is the Baxendale style: meticulous sifting of the evidence and returning to consider the point from every angle.

She tied William Waldegrave in knots, leading him to comment at one point: "There is a misunderstanding here, an understandable misunderstanding." He was afterwards reported to have found her style of questioning "offensive". Tim Renton. the former Foreign Office Minister, said that he felt "drained" by his inquisition. Sir Louis Blom-Cooper,

QC, who has worked closely with Ms Baxendale, said: "She has a deceptive nice-

reason to believe, on the

advice I received at the time,

or the documentation I have

subsequently seen, that there

was any shift away from the

intrinsic impartiality in the

1984 Guidelines, in terms of

making sure that the Govern-

ment was imparital in not

aiding one side against the

other in the prosecution of the

war or the enhancement of its

military capability post-war."



Presiley Baxendale

ness. People are led down the garden path thinking how nice she is. Then suddenly they find a rapier stuck between their ribs."

The daughter of a sweet manufacturer, she studied law at Oxford and was called to the Bar in 1974 after a brief spell teaching. She made her name in a series of child abuse cases, including the public inquiry into the death of Jasmine Beckford. She and her busband Richard Fitzgerald, a tax barrister. have two children and homes in Regent's Park and Sussey. Her unusual first name is

understood to have come about after her parents saw the name on a cup bought by

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human rights violations in general British participation at the Baghdad International Military Fair (which was held. from 29 April to 2 May), the British participation at the British Acrospace proposal to sell Hawk Trainer Aircraft to Iraq as well as general apprehension about the sales of arms and defence equipment to the Middle Bast.

A form of response to be incorporated in the letters sent to the MPs in question was settled in the FCO. The response included the following two sentences (or the gist of

"British arms supplies to Iran and Iran continue to be governed by the strict applica-tion of guidelines which pre-vent the supply of lethal equipment or equipment which would significantly en-hance the capability of either These guidelines are applied on a case by case basis."

 Letters to MPs incorporating these sentences and signed by Mr Waldegrave numbered some seven in March 1989, five in April, 23 in May, one in June and two in July. Lord Howe signed two similar letters in May and two in July. In one of the April letters and in each of the May, June and July letters the formula was preceded by the statement that: The Government have not changed their policy on defence sales to Iraq or Iran."

In one letter there was a reference to "our firm and even-handed position over arms sales to Iran and Iraq." The reference in each of these letters to the criterion that governed the supply of non-lethal defence equipment to Iraq was not accurate. Since the end of February 1989 the criterion for Iraq had been the new formulation, namely, that there would be no supply of equipment which would be of direct and significant assistance to Iraq in the conduct of offensive operations in breach of the ceasefire. The inaccura-

# has a reason

cy should have been noticed by Mr Waldegrave, who had been one of the midwives at the birth of this new formulation. Lord Howe, on the other hand, had not been informed of the junior minister's agreement on the new formulation.

that The Government have not changed their policy on delence sales to Iraq or Iran" was untrue. After the ceasefire Lord Howe had advocated, and the Prime Minister, with the concurrence of senior ministers, had accepted, that a more liberal policy, designed to enable British exponers to take advantage of the glittering opportunities for defencerelated sales to Iraq that it was believed would be available,

junior ministers, which began with correspondence in November and December with the munisterial meeting on December 21, 1988, were for the purpose of trying to formulate a new policy which would when be brought to senior ministers and the Prime Min-

Agreement by the junior ministers had led, by February 1989, to a new, more

implemented on a mial basis. The proposed new policy, although reversed for Iran following the Rushdie affair. finally confirmed at the April 24, 1989, ministers meeting and in the correspondence that followed.

signed these letters, he did not regard the agreement he had reached with his fellow ministers as having constituted a change in policy towards Iraq. In his evidence to the inquiry. he strenuously and consistentasserted his belief, in the face of a volume of, to my mind, overwhelming evidence to the contrary, that policy on defence, sales to fraq had, indeed, remained unchanged. did not receive the impression of any misincerity on his

the Government was dated April 17. Mr Waldegrave has explained that "fhis] view (and the advice of his officials) was that the policy was even-handed as applied to the territorial and other ambitions of Iran and Iraq" and that particular steps taken in the

# Statement in

unforeseen events such as the Fatwah and the execution of Mr Bazoft did not detract from the even-handedness or neutrality or impartiality applied to the two states". As to the first part of this explanation. the letter referred to the Government's "even-handed position over arms sales to fran and Iraq" (emphasis added); as to the second, the explanation has, in my opinion, no policy is bound to have some

has pursued a policy of impartiality as the most effective way to promote a peaceful settlement in the Gulf. As a result, the Foreign Secretary announced in the House of Commons on October 29, 1985, a set of ministerial guidelines limiting defence sales to Iran and Iraq. These specifically prohibit the sale of any lethal equipment or, any, defence related equipment which could significantly enhance the capability of either side to prolong or exacerbate the con-flict. All applications for ex-port licences for defence equipment to Iran or Iraq continue to be scrutinised rigorously to ensure that they Il within these guidelines. These restrictions on defence sales are kept under constant review, and are applied in the light of prevailing circumstances, including the cease-

Mr Waldegrave, in his written evidence to the inquiry,

reconcile with Mr Waldegrave's statement in his letter of March 28, 1989, that "we agreed in February to interpret the export guidelines more flexibly so as to refuse orders for non-lethal equipment only if they would be of direct and significant assistance to either side in the conduct of offensive weapons in breach of the ceasefire", and with his statement in his letter of April 27, 1989, that "we agreed (at the April 24 meeting) that we would continue to interpret the guidelines more flexibly in respect of Iraq, as we have done in practice since the end of last year . . . ". In addition, the natural implication from the reference

seems to me impossible to

in the August letters to the "policy of impartiality" would be that that policy had continued up to the date of the letter and was continuing. This, for the reasons I have already given, was, if applied to de-fence sales, untrue. The con-

other two from Mr Major, as Foreign Secretary. Each letter was a response to a query about government policy on the proposed sale of Hawk aircraft to Iraq. Each letter followed a draft prepared by the FCO/MED. Each letter said, also, that "since October 1985 government policy has prohibited the sale of any ethal equipment or any defence-related equipment which could significantly enhance the capability of either side to prolong or exacerbate the conflict", or words to that effect. In the case of Mrs Thatcher's letter, the text continued: "That policy still applies." These statements were

Mrs Chalker had taken no part in the discussions and correspondence that had led to

# Thatcher put on notice

the then current policy on defence sales to Iraq and cannot be blamed for the inaccuracies. I have already dealt with the extent to which Mrs Thatcher was in a position to have identified the inaccuracies. She had received and read the MoD paper dated July 20, 1989, on the Hawk project in which reference was made to the "more flexible interpretation of the guidelines for Iraq (but not Iran . . .) and so can be said to have been placed on notice that a more liberal approach to defence sales to Iraq was being adopted than had previously been the case. But the paper had been concentrating on Hawk and I do not think Mrs Thatcher can be blamed if, when signing the letter of August 21, 1989, she did not recall the implications of the reference to the guidelines in the MoD's July 20 Hawk

Mr Major had become Foreign Secretary on July 25, 1989. and it might have been expected that, by September, he would have become aware that government policy on the export licensing of non-lethal defence equipment to Iraq was that a more liberal criterion should be applied to Iraq than to Iran, and that the more liberal criterion for Iraq was significantly different from the original 1965 (or 1984) criterion. In his evidence to the inquiry, Mr Major said that he believed throughout that the original guidelines had remained in use and that he had been "advised by those carrying out the policy at operational level that we were impartial" As to the nature of the "impartial" policy. Mr Major said: "I think the Govemment's approach was impartial in the sense of not aiding either side in the prosecution of the war, or subsequently no doubt in the minds of officials after the war was ended, in enhancement of military capability." However, on July 25, 1989 he received his

first brief as Foreign Secre-

tary. The brief had been

prepared by Stephen Lamport

for the purposes of an OD

committee meeting to discuss

the Hawk project. Paragraph 3 of the brief said that "since

the ceasefire in August 1988,

the guidelines have been app-

lied with greater flexibility for

Iraq (but since last February,

with much greater rigidity for

Iran . . .). Our public presenta-

tion of our policy on arms

supplies to both countries has,

however, stayed broadly the same ... This briefing did, it

seems to me, out Mr Major on notice that Iraq was receiving more favourable treatment than Iran so far as export licensing of defence equipment was concerned, a state of affairs that, in my opinion, calls into question a continuing stance of impartiality. In his oral evidence, Mr Major disputed this conclusion. He said: "I have no

not accurate.

### In any event, the briefing was directed to the Hawk project and, as with Mrs Thatcher, I do not find it very surprising that Mr Major did not advert to all the implications of the briefing on other

issues. I do not doubt Mr Major's evidence that he signed the letters believing the statements they contained to be accurate, but I do not accept that they were in fact accurate. In August 1989 Mr Alan Clark, who had exchanged ministerial offices with Lord Trefgarne, wrote two letters, one to Mr Richard Needham MP, the other to Sir Michael Shaw MP, containing the same paragraphs (subject to immaterial changes) as those in Lord Treigame's letters. Two further letters from Mr Clark, both dated Il Septem-ber 1989, also contained these paragraphs. The September letters had

been written in response to letters from constituents to their MPs expressing strong opposition to the porposal that the Government approve the sale to Iraq of Hawk aircraft. The letters had been forwarded by the MPs. Ms Dawn Primarolo and Mr Timothy Raison, to the MOD. The same criticisms apply to Mr Clark's letters as I have

made in respect of Lord Trefgame's letters, mutatis The answers to PQs, in both

Houses of Parliament, failed to inform Parliament of the current state of government policy on non-lethal arms sales to Iraq. This failure was deliberate and was an inevitable result of the agreement between the three junior ministers that no publicity would be given to the decision to adopt a more liberal, or relaxed, policy, or interpretation of the guidelines, originally towards both Iran and Iraq and, later, towards Iraq alone.

Having heard various explanations as to why it was necessary or desirable to withold knowledge from Parliament and the public of the true nature of the Government's approach to the licens-ing of non-lethal defence sales to Iran and Iraq respectively. I have come to the conclusion minative reason was a fear of strong public opposition to the loosening of the restrictions on the supply of defence equipment to Iraq and a consequential fear that the pressure of the opposition might be detrimental to British trading

The problem with the "half a picture" approach is that those to whom the incomplete statement is addressed do not know unless it is apparent from the terms of the state-

# Almost bound to be misled

ment itself, that an undisclosed half is being witheld from them. They are almost bound, therefore, to be misled by the statement, norwithstanding that the "half a picture" may, so far as it goes, be accurate. The proposition is not that a statement to Parliament must include each and every fact relating to the subject in order to avoid

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Shell Centre, London SE1 7NA 15th February, 1996

# **Every policy**

The statement in the letters sales to Iraq did not remain unchanged. The proposition that the Government's position over "arms sales to Iran and Iraq" was "even-handed" had been untrue ever since the decision. taken as a consequence of the Rushdie affair, to "return to a more strict approach to Iran". In his letter of March 28, 1989, to Mr Clark, Mr Waldegrave had proposed that "we should now revert to the stricter should gradually be adopted. implementation of the guidelines as applied to Iran", while The discussions between the saying that he saw no reason

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Mr. Waldegrave knew, first hand, the facts that in my opinion, rendered the mochange in policy statement untrue faccept that when he

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overseas and defence commit-

tee discusses "how to exploit

traces promising market for

arms exports".

□ 1984: Foreign. Office decides that Britain should not take sides in the war between

Iran and Iraq and the Gov-

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Howe, Foreign Secretary, tells

MPs that Britain would not

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machinery was being used by.

Iraq to make weapons.

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erument agrees to machine-tool exports, knowing they would be used in Iraqi arms

August 1988: ceasefire an-

nounced in Iraq-Iran war.

December 1988: Alan-Clark, then a Trade Minister.

meets William Waldegrave, a Foreign Office Minister, and

Lord Trefgarne, a Defence Minister, to consider how the

guidelines might be relaxed. Mr. Waldegrave said after-

wards that the guidelines had

not been changed but a "more

to change the newly agreed

flexible approach for applica-

tions to export defence related

equipment to Iraq". In his letter to Mr Waldegrave of

April 13, Lord Trefgame, the Minister (DP), agreed with the proposal and the MOD/FCO

agreement was put into effect by the MODWG at its meet-

ing on April 14. Mr. Waldegrave's letter suggest-ing that an "even-handed"

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# letters untrue

fire and developments in the peace negotiations ..." How lucrative market backfired COUNTDOWN TO INQUIRY

April 1990: Customs seizes large steel pipes destined for the supergun.

Li July 31, 1990: Paul Henderson of Matrix Churchill told by DTI that last batch of machine tools cleared for export. August 2, 1990: Iraq invades Kuwait.

December 1990: Mr Clark summoned to see John Major and Sir Robin Butler, the Cabinet Secretary. He admits that he had advised Matrix Churchill to alter specifica-tions "so they would not be seen as suitable for military purposes".

October 1990: Customs and Excise decides to prose-

cute Matrix Churchill. ☐ Gerald Hosker, the Treasury Solicitor, draws up plan to use public interest immunity certificates to stop topsecret government docu-ments, including M15 and M16 papers, being released in court.

November 1992: Matrix Churchill trial opens at the Old Bailey. Geoffrey Robert-son, QC, persuades Judge Smedley to ignore the PII certificates and the case collapses.

□ November 1992: Sir Richard Scott appointed to conduct independent inquiry.

prompted the letter to Mr Sackville had complained

about defence sales to Iraq.

Brussels. have cited was an accurate statement of government policy at the time. It was not Government policy at the time, agreed between Mr Waldegrave and his fellow ministers, Lord Trefgarne and Mr Clark, was that the export of non-lethal defence equipment to Iraq would not be refused unless the equipment would directly assist Iraq in the conduct of offensive operations in breach of the ceasefire.

emphasise the machinery's

"general engineering" uses and not to mention that they

were intended for military

applications.

| February 1989: interpreta-

tion of export guidlines tough-ened again after the fatwa

against Salman Rushdie.

D March 1990: the Observer

journalist Farzad Bazoft exe-

cuted in Iraq.

April 1990: Dr Gerald Bull.

designer of Iraqi "supergun", killed outside his flat in

Iranian prisoners of war being held in Iraq: the conflict is estimated to have claimed one million lives

liberal interpretation" had

[] January 1988: Tony

Steadman, head of export

licensing at the DTI, rings firms to tell them the Iraq

export licences have been

Later: Alan Clark meets the manufacturers and tells

them he is reversing Mr Steadman's decision. Present

is Mark Gutteridge, sales director of Matrix Churchill

and an MIS informer. Mr

Clark encouraged the firms to

seen event that was the

Fatwah led, inter alia, to a

stricter policy on arms sales being applied to Irah than was

applied to trag. This differen-tial policy was already being implemented by April 17. I

rould well understand that the

reference in the letter to Mr

Curry to the "even-handed

position" may have been an

overlooked refugee from a

common form sentence that

would, two months earlier.

have been unexceptional. But

the proposition that on April

17, the date of the letter, it was

a true statement is not, in my

opinion, remotely arguable.
In August 1989 a number of

letters to MPs, responding to

constituents' queries about the-

Government's attitude to the

Hawk project, were sent by Mr Waldegrave Typical of

these letters is his letter date

August 10, 1939, written to Mr

Torn Sackville MP. The letter

said this: "Since the beginning of the conflict between Iran

been agreed.

# The natural implication

Mr Waldegrave knew of this

new formulation but regarded it as an interpretation or the original guideline (iii). None-theless, a statement in August 1989 that applications for export licences for defence equipment for Iraq "continue to be rigorously scrutinised to ensure that they fall within these guidelines" (emphasis added).

and the reference to the policy of impartiality would have been naturally read accordingly. Taken overall, the terms of Mr Waldegrave's letter to Mr Sackville and his other letters in like terms were, in my opinion, apt to mislead the readers as to the nature of the policy on export sales to Iraq that was currently being pursued by the Government. Mr Waldegrave was in a position to know that that was so although I accept that he did not intend his letters to be misleading and did not so regard them. The statement that ": , , the Government have pursued a policy of impartiality . . . "between Iraq and Iran is to be found, also, in letters dated August 14, 1989, August 21, 1989, September 4, 1989, and September 5, 1989, the first from Lynda Chalker, the second from Mrs Thatcher, the Prime Minister, and the

# Judge condemns ministers' secrecy for reasons of convenience or to avoid embarrassment

being misleading. Such a requirement would clearly be impracticable. A fair summary of the "full picture" would often, depending on the question that had been asked and the apparent purpose of the statement, be a complete and sufficient response. The proposition is that if part of the picture is being suppressed know it is being suppressed, the audience will be misled into believing the half picture to be the full picture.

Lord Howe's unapologetic acceptance of and support for the divergence between Government's statements of policy and Government's actual policy revealed by the public statements to which I have earlier referred was, in my opinion, more realistic than Sir Robin Butler's and Mr Gore-Booth's attempts to reconcile the giving of answers that designedly disclosed only part of the picture with the obligation to avoid giving misleading answers.

It is, rightly, accepted that there have always been and will always be subjects in respect of which full information, or sometimes any inforpublic. Current operations of the security and intelligence agencies come easily to mind as examples. Sir Robin Butler. in evidence to the inquiry and, also, to the Treasury and the Civil Service Select Commitabout imminent changes in

The public interest may require information about proposed changes to be withheld from the public. The examples are cogent. It ought, nonetheless, to be recognised that the obligation of ministers to give information about the and to give information and explanations for the actions and omissions of their civil servants lies at the heart of ministerial accountability and that every decision by a minister to withhold information from Parliament and from the public constitutes an avoidance, and sometimes an evasion, pro tanto, of ministerial accountability.

The importance, if ministerial accountability is to be effective, of the provision of full and adequate information is, in my opinion, self-evident. lf, and to the extent that, the account given by a minister to Parliament, whether in answering parliamentary questions or in a debate, or to a select committee, withholds information on the matter account, and the obligation to account for what has happened, or for what is being

# Misleading answers

been discharged. Without the provision of full information it or for that matter the public, to hold the executive fully to

mation by an accountable minister should never be based on reasons of convenience or for avoidance of political embarrassment and should always require special and strong justification.

and under unexpressed rules

tary players.
The answers are also an important medium by which ment and its activities are made available to the public. It is to be noticed that the respects in which the answers to the parliamentary questions about government policy on defence exports to Iraq were inadequate and misleading which some of the letters pondence from members of the public were inadequate

and misleading. The context described by Sir Michael's paper for the answers to PQs would have no application to those letters. The context does not, in my opinion, excuse the inade

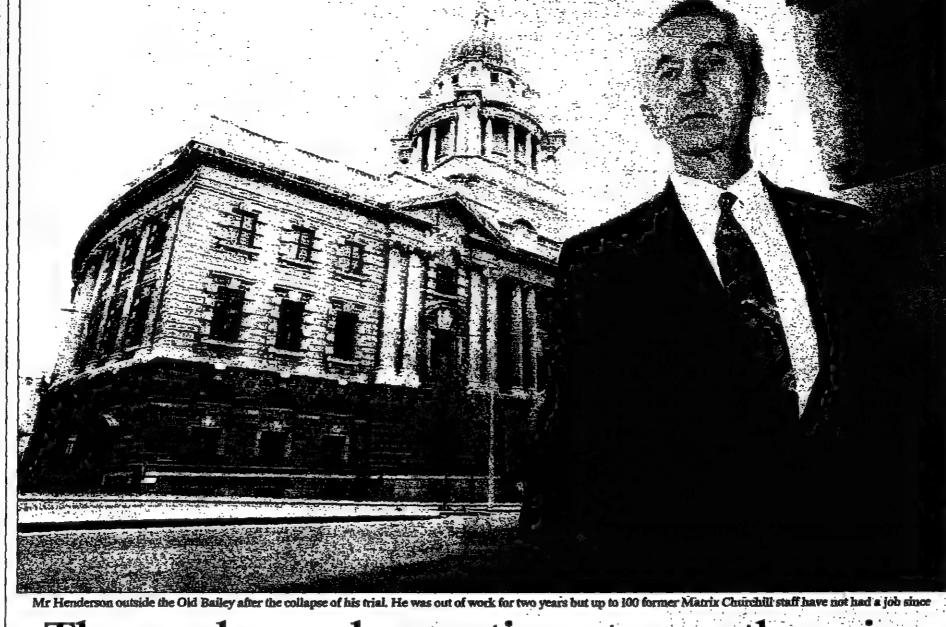
# Were rules changed?

quate or misleading character either of the answers to PQs 1989 and 1990 about policy on defence exports to Iraq consistently failed, in my opinion, to comply with the standard set by paragraph Z7 of the Questions of Procedure for Ministers and, more important, failed to discharge the obligations imposed by the constitutional principle of Ministeria

i have referred earlier in this section of the report to arguments that have been put forward in support of the proposition that the guidelines, as announced in 1985. remained in force and unchanged notwithstanding the agreement reached by the junior ministers over the period December 1988 to May 1989. For a number of reasons I do not accept that propositions or the arguments.

First, it is argued that the relaxation of the guidelines agreed upon by the junior ministers did not constitute a change in the guidelines but was no more than a liberal, relaxed interpretation, or implementation, of them. This argument, I must make clear. is not one that was produced by its proponents for the purposes of meeting questions put by the inquiry. It was a viewpoint widely expressed at the time. A clear exposition is contained in Mr Waldegrave's letter to Mr Clark of March 28. 1989, namely: "As a result of the ceasefire we agreed in February to interpret the ex-port guidelines more flexibly so as to refuse orders for nonlethal equipment only if it would be of direct and significant assistance to either side in the conduct of offensive operations in breach of the

This "interpretation" is said to be consistent with the flexibility inherent in the guidelines from their inception. It was this "interpretation" that had been applied to Iraq since February 1989 and was confirmed for Iraq at the end of April 1989. In Mr Waldegrave's written com-ments, the use of revised guideline (iii) is described as follows: "The revised form of guideline (iii) was used by the MODWG and IDC in January and February 1989 as a temporary working premise on a trial basis. After the the suggested change in the guidelines should not go ahead and that instead the original guidelines were to be applied with flexibility. Thereafter, the MODWG and IDC applied the original guidelines restrictively for Iran and liberally for Iraq. in the case of Iraq, this meant in practice that those groups used the suggested revised form of guideline (iii) as an interprative gloss on the original



# The workers who continue to pay the price



Empty shell: the Matrix Churchill factory this week

WHITEHALL CORRESPONDENT THE Matrix Churchill factory in Coventry stands dereifet today. The For Sale signs hang forloraly but no one is interested in buying the silent plant with broken windows and boarded doors.

More than 650 skilled workers once worked there. They are the real according to Paul Henderson, the firm's former managing director.

Mr Henderson would be the first

to admit that he is no angel. The business he was in was a dirty one and he acted as an informant for Mi6 on the state of the traci arms industry, telling the security services some of what he was up to. He still

has no qualms about supplying a tyrant such as Saddam Hussein. But he says that what should not be forgotten, amid speculation over the future of here-today-and-gonetomorrow politicians, is that Britain has lost its "fastest-growing annual turnover of £54 million.

in February 1991, Mr Henderson and his two fellow directors were arrested. He had been warned by Mi6 to expect a routine visit from Customs and Excise. In the end, 16 officers arrived and arrested him for lying on export licence applications. The charge carried a maximum

says, washed their hands of him Scrubs.

tried at the Old Bailey for illegally exporting arms making machinery to Iraq. He says that he is not bitter but he does get that the security services and Government left him to hang in the wind.

"I have been waiting for this day because I just want the Scott report over and done with." he said. "It has been five and a half years. It has all. dragged on far too long.".

Up to 100 of his former workforce. have never worked again. Others have been reduced to stratching a

living by taxi-driving or repairing

on the shop floor were the ones who lost out. I hope people won't forget that. Any government minister who goes as a result of Scott won't find it very hard to get another job. For more than two years during

and after the trial he was unemployed. He is now the chief execuave of Productions Systems international, a West Midlands company making welding machinery for the ear industry.

"Instice was done as far as I was concerned when the case at the Old Bailey collapsed. The report reinforces the message. We lost a good company and a lot of skilled people for nothing. Just as long as people don't forget that."

done, has, prima facie, not is not possible for Parliament.

It follows, in my opinion, that the withholding of infor-

I well understand the point being made by Sir Michael Quirilan and it may be right that the answers to parliamentary questions of which I have been critical must be judged in the context of the parliamentary game described in the paper. But the giving of answers to parliamentary questions is not simply a part of the game described by Sir Michael, played for the benefit of

the passage from Mr Walde-grave's letter that I have cited. and exemplified in the passage cited from his written comments, does not seem to me to correspond with reality. The revised formulation of guidethe guidelines. line (iii) was intended to do two things; first, it was intended, in view of the termination

could make sense; second, it was intended to release from guidelines non-lethal equipment whose military value was primarily defensive. If that second purpose had not been present, the reference to "offensive operations in breach of the ceasefire" would not have been included and the limiting adjective "direct" would not have been neces sary. To describe this revised formulation as no more than an interpretation of the old. is, in my opinion, notwithstanding the many advocates who espoused the thesis, so plainly inapposite as to be incapable of being sustained by serious argument. In my opinion, the agreement to which Mr Waldegrave referred in his March 28, 1989, letter was, on any ordinary use of language.

an agreement to adopt a new

of the conflict, to re-state

guideline (iii) in a manner that

and more liberal policy towards sales of applying a revised formulation of guideline (iii) in place of the original. The intended effect of the revised guideline was to release a certain class of nonlethal defence equipment from

I accept that Mr Waldegrave and the other adherents of the "interpretation" thesis did not, in putting forward the thesis, have any duplicitous intention and, at the time, regarded the relaxed interpretation, or implementation, of guideline (iii) as being a justifiable use of the flexibility believed to be inherent in the guidelines. But that under-

# 'Duplicitous flexibility'

lines, to my mind, the duplicatous nature of the flexibility claimed for the guide lines. Flexibility that reflects the differences of opinion that may arise whenever an attempt is made to apply a criterion that depends upon a value judgment is inevitable and desirable. For example, whether an enhancement of military capability is "signifi-

opinions may differ. If opinions do differ, a decision falling within the spectrum created by those differences can legitimately be described. as an application of the criterion. Guideline (iii) had, thus, an inherent and entirely acceptable flexibility. But the removal from the scope of guideline (iii) of non-lethal defence equipment of a pri-marily defensive nature is not

a "flexible interpretation" of the guidelines. It is a decision that the guidelines will not be applied so as to restrict the sale of a certain class of defence equipment. The description of that decision as being merely a flexible interpretation, or flexible imple-mentation, of the guidelines is bound to be misleading to anyone who does not know the substance of the decision,

it was argued, also that because the revised formulation of guideline (iii) had never been approved by senior min-isters or the Prime Minister, it. could not have become government policy and could have been no more than an interpretation, relaxed and flexible, of the original guideline (iii). This argument, in my

cant" is a matter on which between form and substance I accept that the three junior ministers who, over the period December 1988 to May 1989, agreed on the new line to be adopted towards defence related exports to Iraq and Iran, knew that any formal alteration in the guidelines announced in 1985 would require the approval of senior ministers and the Prime Minister.

The conduct of the debate from September 1988 to Feburary 1989 had been on that footing. I accept also that in deciding that the agreed approaches to defence exports to Iraq and Iran respectively could be described as being interpretations of the 1985 guidelines, the junior ministers believed that they were avoiding a formal change of the 1985 guidelines.
But, however, the agree

ment reached by the junior ministers be described, if the substance of the agreement was to change the criterion that would be applied to applications for licences to export defence equipment to Iraq, they were, in any ordinary use of language, agreeing on a change of policy. I regard the explanation that this could not be so because the approval of the senior

ministers and the Prime Minister had not been obtained as Questions of Procedure for

Ministers identifies as one of the facets of ministerial accountability the duty to give Parliament, and the public "as full information as possible

# **Ministerial** accountability

about the policies, decisions and actions of the Government, and not to deceive or mislead Parliament and the public". Example after example has come to light of an apparent failure by Ministers to discharge that obligation.

The Howe guidelines [drawn up by Geoffrey Howe] were agreed in December 1984 but when in April and May 1985 parliamentary questions about government policy on defence sales to Iran and Iraq came to be answered, the existence of the guidelines was deliberately not disclosed.

From 1983 until the ceasefire in August 1988, arrangements were in place for defence sales to Iraq to be facilitated by the provision of medium-term ECGD credit cover. This de"fence allocation" represented an agreed proportion of the credit facilities for Iraq which had been agreed between the United Kingdom and Iraq. Yet when in 1990 parliamentary questions sought details of the protocols, no mention was made of the defence allocation.

A written answer given to a parliamentary question in January 1990 seeking the total capital project cost cover offered under the export credit guarantee system" to a number of specified countries refused to supply the information. The ground given for the refusal was confidentiality".

Government statements in 1989 and 1990 consistently failed to disclose either the terms of the adjustment to the guidelines that had followed the ceasefire or the decision to adopt a more liberal policy on defence sales to Iraq.

The answer given in Pebruary 1991 to Mr Tony Banks's . question asking whether any MoD officials attended the Baghdad Military Exhibition of April/May 1989 represented a deliberate concealment from Parliament of the circumstances under which Mr David Hastie had attended the exhibition.

# The long and winding road that led to 1,800 pages

L] When was the inquiry set up? Almost 40 long months ago, in November 1992.

☐ What was its remit? To examine whether ministers and officials operated within guidelines

on arms exports to Iraq.

He was appointed a Chancery judge in 1983. Last year the Government promoted him to Vice Chancellor of the Supreme Court, one of the most senior judicial appointments.

□ Why was he chosen? He himself has sometimes wondered. Lord Mackay of Clashfern recommended him to John Major.

past three years? In an anonymous DTI office in Palace Street, between Victoria and Buckingham Palace. The building was a former hotel and at times,

11 Where has he been based for the

# THE INQUIRY

putting in 12-hour days, Sir Richard must have wished it still was.

☐ What does he do in the real

Rides to hounds and rides a bicycle which became much loved by Fleet Street picture editors. For the record, it's a Raleigh Falcon with 18 gears.

□ What's his form? Mixed. Gave the Government a bloody nose in 1987 over Spycatcher, ruling that ministers could not gag Peter Wright, the former M15 officer. But did the Government a favour during the miners' strike in 1984-85. when he granted an injunction limiting pickets at each pit to six.

☐ Friends and enemies? A private, family man who sees no reason to belong to a London club.

impressive list of powerful enemies during the course of his inquiry. including Lord Howe. But, as he said, "they weren't on my Christmas

card list anyway."

Any regrets? He has a few. He never dreamt that the inquiry would take as long as it has and cannot wait to get back to "real life" — a strange description, some might say, for the High Court.

☐ What help did he have? About a dozen disciples laboured with him from November 1992. including Presiley Baxendale, QC. and Christopher Muttukumaru, secretary to the inquiry.

☐ What help did Whiteball have? About 17 civil servants working in Scott units" in five different Government departments, "co-ordinating" the offical response.

☐ And Whitchall?

£1.9 million. Oh, and a further £925,000 spent on legal advice to ministers and civil servants. ☐ A grand total of?

£4.6 million Why did it take Scott so long? See next five questions. [] How many official documents

were examined? 200,000, "a guestimate to the nearest 10.000. We haven't actually had time to count them all." However, Scott. did read every single one. John Major regretted — sorry, commended - his "thoroughness".

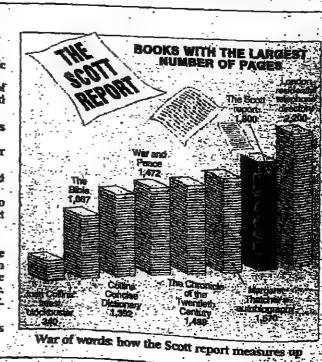
How many witnesses submitted written evidence? 270, and many of the submissions ran to dozens of pages. Again, Scott ploughed through every page.

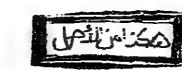
waring? 87, covering over 400 hours of evidence, between May 1993 and

July 1994. How many public witnesses 61, including 19 ministers or former

How many witnesses were beard in closed session! 12, mostly MI5 and MI6 agents, who gave more than 50 hours of secret evidence.

☐ Have there been any leaks?... Astonishingly few. Sections of the draft concerning William Waidegrave's role were leaked to the BBC in June last year. Otherwise, security has been almost watertight. ☐ What does it all holl down to? 1.800 pages in five volumes. Yours





# Tangled tale that began with murder and ended with collapse of Saddam's pipe dream

# Sment. Matrix Churchill 'told to play down arms application'

ON A grey day in April 1990 a Canadian ballistics expert was shot from behind with a silenced pistol as he fumbled for the keys of his sixth-floor flat in Brussels.

Dr Gerald Bull's killers could have been sent by Mossad, the Israeli intelligence service, or possibly by the Iranians. Both countries had a motive.

Bull's company, SRC, had been responsible for building. the Iraqis a huge gun, from components made by mainly British firms, and allegedly capable of firing nuclear warheads great distances.

A week after Bull's death, Customs and Excise seized a consignment of steel tubes awaiting export at Teesport The pipes, made by Sheffield Forgemasters, were allegedly intended to carry oil but were, in fact, for a 1,000mm gun to be built secretly in the traqu desert known as Project Baby-

lon, or the "supergum".
Sir Hal Miller, a Tory MP whose Bromsgrove constituency included Walter Somers, one of the firms responsible for making the pipes, claimed that the Government had licensed the tubes for export despite MI6 knowing all about the supergun. He told the Scott inquiry that he had personally alerted the intelligence services after Rex Bayliss, the firm's managing director, confided his suspicions about the true nature of

Mi6 had also been alcred to the supergun by Paul Henderson, managing director of Matrix Churchill, whose firm was involved in making shells for the weapon. Paul Grecian,

the pr

a Reading arms firm, had given MI6 the first tip about

A third firm, Astra, had also disclosed details to the Ministry of Defence in 1989 of a contract which its Belgian subsidiary had to supply propellant to SRC.

MI6 had in fact known since at least 1987 that British firms had signed contracts to supply machine tools for Iragi munitions factories.

It was January 1988 before Torry Steadman, head of export licensing at the DTI. told the firms that the licences were frozen Local MPs said that jobs would be lost and the

### SUPERGUN

security services realised freezing the orders might alert the tracis to its intelligence and

Alan Clark, then a Trade Vinister, met with the manufacturers and told them the exports would, after all, be allowed. One of those at the meeting was Mark Guiteridge, sales director of Matrix Churchill who had been recruited as an MI5 informer in 1986. Clark encouraged the firms to emphasise the machinery's

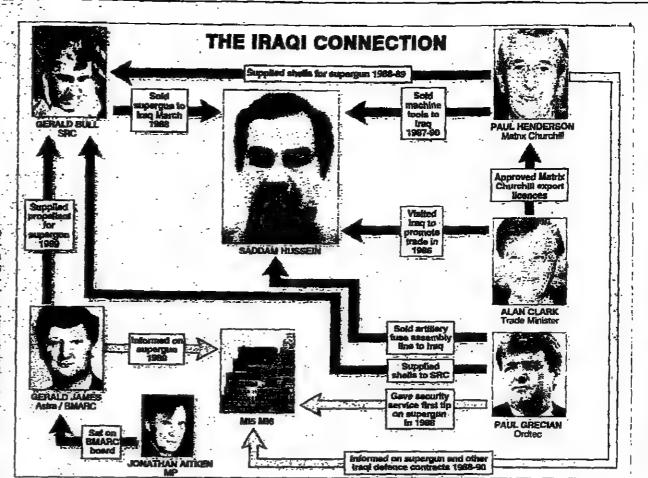
"general engineering" uses. On August 2, 1990, Iraq invaded Kuywait Customs and Excise decided it was time to act against firms which it believed were exporting armstinked machinery to Iraq. In August 1990 they raided the Reading based firm Ordice and subsequently secured convictions in February 1992 of Paul Grecian, the managing director, and three others for

illegal arms exports. They also raided Matrix Churchill, having been upped off by German customs that industrial lathes apparently destined for a Chil-

ed for an Iraqi artillery plant.
When Michael Coolican. Department of Trade and Industry export controls head. learned that Customs officers were to visit the firm, he sent-Nicholas Ridley, then Trade. Secretary, an anxious memo. Mr Coolican realised the imdications of an investigation. He knew, particularly, about the decision ministers had taken two years earlier to allow Matrix Churchill to export a large quantity of machine tools to Iraq. A trial, he said, would mean the Government's "dirty washing" could be aired in public, while the timing was "extraordinarily embarrassing" for the DTI. That December, The San-

day Times reported that, if prosecuted, the Matrix Churchill directors would say the Government knew what they were doing. They would also say that Alan Clark gave them "a nod and a wink" to continue the exports - an allegation Mr Clark vigorously denied.

The case against the supergun manufacturers was dropped but Customs pressed shead with Matrix Churchill, and Henderson and two other colleagues were arrested in February 1991. As the trial opened at the Old Bailey in November 1992, Geoffrey Robertson, QC, persuaded Jodge Smedley to ignore the PH certificates. The case collapsed and in the ensuing outcry John Major asked Sir Richard Scott to conduct his



# Suppression prompted guilty plea

the convictions of four men in the Ordire case last November it meant Customs and Excise had lost every one of its highprofile prosecutions seeking to enforce Sir Geoffrey Howe's guidelines on arms exports to Iraq (Nigel Williamson writes).

The four men were given suspended prison sentences or fined after being convicted in 1992 of illegally exporting an artillery fuse assembly line to Iraq. The defendants were advised to plead guilty by their lawyers after Kenneth Baker, the then Home Secretary, and Peter Lilley, Trade Secretary, signed public interest ununity certificates seeking to with-

Gosforth, ruled that the Government should not have withheld vital pape from the defence through the use of PII certificates and that it should have been disclosed to the court that Paul Grecian, one of the defendants, had been an informant for M15 and M16.

viction in 1992 for selling 300,000 artillery fuses to Iraq on an export licence that gave Jordan as the destination was not safe and satisfactory" after documents from the Ministry of Defence, the Foreign Office and the security services were produced showing wide knowledge of the deal and complicity across Wolte-India.

Mr Grecian, the managing director of Reading-based Ordrec, and two colleagues, Bryan Mason and Stuart Blackledge, received suspended jail sen-Phillips, was fined.

Among the information withheld at their trial were security services papers showing that Mr Grecian, like Paul Henderson of Matrix Churchill, had acted as an informer on the Iraqi arms

Churchill trial.

in May last year Douglas Hurd, the then Foreign Secretary, and Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, signed further PII certificates to prevent the documents being used in the appeal. In the end Lord Taylor ruled that most of the material should be made available to the defence legal team. It showed that Mr Grecian had had, in the judge's words, "sustained contact" with M15 and M16 through a Special Branch controller called Stephen Wilkinson and that Whitehall had turned a "blind eye" to the

After the appeal, Mr Grecian told The Times that the five-year legal battle had cost him his livelihood, He is facing further charges in America in connection with alleged arms sales to Iraq and is currently being held in South Africa while the American authorities seek his

Stance on Iran-Iraq conflict triggered confusion

BY A STAIT REPORTER

IT WAS the Foreign Office's decision in 1984 that Britain should not take sides in the war between Iran and Iraq which eventually led to the confusion over the interpretation of arms export guidelines which lies at the heart of the

### GUIDELINES

Scott report. Lard Howe of Aberayon, then Foreign Secretary, advised Margaret Thatcher that guidelines should be drawn up on defence sales to the two countries but that no high-profile announcement was necessary.

The guidelines were duly devised at the end of 1984 but not made public until October 24 1985 in a written Parliamen-

tary answer to Sir David Steel. The rules confirmed the Government's ban on arms sales to both Iraq and Iran but also said that export licences should not be issued for any equipment which would "significantly enhance the capacity of either side to prolong or exacerbate the conflict".

However, even then Lord Howe noted that the guidelines were designed to allow ministers "a modicum of flexibility" in deciding what should and should not be exported.

By 1988, when a ceasefire was announced in the Irantraq war, pressure from in-dustry for the guidelines to be relaxed had grown irresisrable. New markets beckoned in the Middle East. The Foreign Office was persuaded and Lord Howe wrote to Mrs Thatcher urging "relaxing control" on some exports.

Mr Clark then met with William Waldegrave, then a Foreign Office minister, and the then defence minister. Lord Trefgame, on December 21, 1988, to consider how the guidelines might be relaxed.

Mr Waldegrave insisted af-

terwards that as a result of that meeting the guidelines had not been changed but a of the original Howe guide lines had been agreed. Mr Clark, however, believed that a "significant" change had happened. He also subsequently said that Mrs Thatcher's office had been informed. although she told the inquiry she had no knowledge of the matter.

Sir Robin Butler, the Cabinet secretary, later concluded that an "unpu blished relaxation" of the guidelines had

### hold government papers. The Lord Chief Justice. Lord Taylor of use of Jordan as a front for tragi arms tences at Reading Crown Court in February 1992. A fourth man, Colin

build-up.
Despite having pleaded guilty, the

# Monstrous weapon may have been a white elephant gun



Elements of the "supergun" were sezzed at Teesport

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extraordinary weapons projects ever devised and was the first indication that Saddam Babylon, as it was Teesport

firms to build his war machchild of remarkable Canadian ine, despite a United Nations ballistics expert Gerald Bull. who had teamed up with the fraqi dictator to realise his and Government empargo. Saddam apparently ambition of constructing the planned to construct a series world's biggest gun. For Saddam, the project offered of massive guns capable of firing nuclear or chemical warheads vast distances the prospect of providing him cross the Middle East. They with a weapon capable of included at least two 350mm artillery pieces - twice the calibre of a conventional how-The existence of the

supergum project was re-vealed in April 1990, when

Customs and Excise officers seized a consignment of large try Secretary, the late Nicho-steel pipes awaiting export at las Ridley, whose department were really for. He said Mr

which were supposedly for an oil pipeline, were actually destined for an enormous weapons project in the wilderness of the Iraqi mountains. It emerged that just a week before the seizure Dr Bull had been killed outside his flat in Brussels. Mossad, the Israeli intelligence service, and Iranian agents were both put forward as possible suspects
— certainly, both countries had sufficient motive. the Government had only "recently" learnt they were for the gun project. But his account was quickly challenged by Tory MP Sir Hal Miller, whose Bromsgrove constituency included one of the firms responsible for making the

pipes, Walter Somers. Sir Hal later told the Scott inquiry that some two years earlier he had alerted the intelligence services after the firm's managing director, Rex

The then Trade and Indus- Bayliss, confided his suspicould be tracked by satellite. The true military value of

Project Babylon was never really established. Following the Gulf War. UN observers discovered a single enormous gun in the wilds of northern fraq, but experts questioned the weapon's ability to deliver missiles with any accuracy. It may, in the end, have been the biggest military white elephant of all.

# Judges could shun arduous task

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT:

IF THE Government in effect thumbs its nose" at Sir Richard Scott's recommendations, no High Court judge will happily take on another government inquiry for some time.

Many MPs voiced disquiet,

while the Scott inquiry was under way, about the use of judges such as Lord Nolan and Sir Richard to inquire into their affairs. Sir Ivan Lawrence, QC, Conservative chairman of the Commons home af-

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# JUDICIAL INQUIRIES

fairs committee, has said that judges should stay out of in-quiries that might jeopardise their independence. For their part, judges may feel disinclined to work the

hours required for no extra financial reward, only to have their painstaking conclusions shelved or "cherry-picked", with only the least controversial proposals adopted Sir Richard's inquiry took three years and he remained on his-

normal salary. He has worked longer hours than he would as head of the High Court Chancery division. His holidays have been far shorter.

itzer — and one truly enor-mous 1,000mm gun. Project

Judges have long chaired inquiries. They include that into allegations of child abuse in Cleveland (Lady Justice Butler-Sloss in 1988) and the Hillsborough disaster (Lord Justice Taylor in 1989), as well as political inquiries such as Lord Denning's into the Profumo affair in 1963. Until recently there was no

question but that governments

would act on a judicial inqui-ry's findings. But Lord Nolan, who inquired into standards in public life, was up against a wall of opposition.

As for Scott, Lord Howe of Aberavon claimed Sir Richard should have followed the rules laid down for inquiries by Lord Justice Salmon in 1966, recommending that witnesses be legally represented. But Anthony Scrivener, QC, a iormer Bar chairman, writing in The Times this week, said: "The procedure at the Scott inquiry was eminently fair."

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TRUSTEE ACTS

# **Emphasis of PIIs** changed by use in criminal cases

BY FRANCES GIRE LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

PUBLIC interest immu certificates (PIIs), originally called Crown Privilege, were introduced in 1947 when the Crown Proceedings Act stated for the first time that the Crown could be sued.

The Act also said the Crown need not disclose documents when to do so would be harmful to the public interest. It allows courts to order that documents should not be produced where disclosure vould be contrary to the public interest.

The way in which nondisclosure has been used has developed, particularly in criminal cases over - recent years. Most of the law concerning PII certificates stems from their use in civil proceedings and many lawyers argued that it was wrong, where the liberty of the subject was at stake, that they should come into play at all in criminal trials.

The rise of PII certificates in criminal trials has occurred in the past five years. A series of cases has widened the duty on the prosecution to disclose evidence, in particular a ruling in 1969 by Mr Justice Henry in the Guinness trials. and later in 1993, in the case of Judith Ward, who was acquitted after serving 17 years for bombing an army coach.

As a direct result, prosecuting authorities were forced -

they argue - to develop the law on Pils. "As more material had to be disclosed, so the need widened to protect class-Sir Richard Scott took the

view that there was no justifi-

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evidence in criminal proceed ings. He said the law was always as Lord Woolf stated it to be in the Wiley case. Sir Nicholas Lyell, QC, the Attorney-General, with the backing of a series of rulings and senior legal figures including Lord Justice Simon Brown and Mr Justice Laws, argued the contrary.

Sir Nicholas took as his leading authority the case of Makanjuola in 1989 in which Lord Justice Bingham (now Sir Thomas Bingham, Master of the Rolls), said Pil was a duty that could not be waived. It was not a "trump card vouchsafed to certain privileged players to play when and as they wish".

The Scott inquiry may well have hastened the new policy but it was another senior judge who ushered it in -Lord Woolf, in a landmark House of Lords ruling in July 1994, known as Wiley against the Chief Constable of West Midlands. In comments aside from the

judgment, Lord Woolf outlined what has become the basis of PII policy. Ministers. he said, were not obliged to sign PII certificates if material fell within a certain protected class and to leave it to the judge to decide whether the public interest lay in disclosure or not.

Instead, ministers could themselves make the decision in favour of disclosure although if they decided against, then it would still be for the courts ultimately to

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■ THEATRE I

Craig Raine's powerful updating of Racine, 1953, is given a fine new staging at the Almeida



■ THEATRE 2

Superb scenery but an indifferent cast for a Leeds revival of Gogol's Government Inspector

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MUSIC 1

Passion flows on Valentine's Day, as Roger Norrington leads Berlioz's Romeo et Juliette



■ MUSIC 2

Shortcomings of diction and expression mar Amanda Roocroft's night at the Wigmore Hall

William Chillian

THEATRE: Benedict Nightingale hails Raine's updating of Racine. Plus, Gogol for the eyes only, and a flop for tots

# Poet's pen as mighty as the sword

a 17th-century French classic. and then two turn up on consecutive days, each transposed to the most unlikely of times and climes. First, there was a 1990s Misanthrope at the Young Vic, complete with a Hollywood love-goddess and her coke-snorting retinue. Now we have Craig Raine's Nazification of Racine's Andromaque, starring a nobleman

Almeida

in which General Patton routs the Huns in the morning and marries Marilyn Monroe in the afternoon, as Comeille's busy Rodrigue eff-

called Klaus-Ma-

ria von Orestes.

What next, a Cid

Actually, Raine's 1953 is a lot more imaginatively arresting than that. The year of the title is not the one in which Elizabeth was crowned and I first saw The Mousetrap. There is no Queen, no play by Agatha Christie, not even any London. Churchill apparently died after a night spent quaffing champagne with Brendan Bracken, leaving our capital to the mercy of Mussolini's son, Vittorio, who razed it with bombs and finished the job with anthrax. He rules in Rome, as Hitler does in Berlin. though there is unfinished business on the Russian front.

You will not be surprised to learn that Raine advises us in a programme note to forget Andromaque and concentrate on his own dramatic poetry. Yet 1953 sticks almost as closely to Racine's plot as Martin Crimp's Misanthrope does to Molière. In the original. Orestes loves Hermione. who loves the butcher of Troy. Pyrrhus; and Pyrrhus loves Hector's widow Andromaque Greeks demand that he kill

her son, Astyanax. Their counterparts here are Count Orestes, a German princess called Ira. Vittorio Mussolini, and the Anglo-Jewess Armette LeSkye (Pooky Quesnel), whose son Angus is helr to the British throne. And all follow the paths and meet the ends of

their prototypes.
It is fascinatingly fanciful stuff, yet I can see why Raine made the leap. As he also says in the programme that he wanted "to use my contempo-

rary register rather than to do a nice, safe translation of Racine. But that obviously demanded a

world dominated by big, brutal figures as ready to sacrifice people's lives to their passions as Pyrrhus or Hector. Are these to be found in Major's England, Chirac's France or post-Papandreou Greece? Hardly, Saddam Hussein's Iraq? Too alien a proposition. But those post-Christian para-dises, the 1,000-year Reich and Fascist Italy . . . well, maybe.

ven if you cannot buy that, you will be gripped by the strong, bold feelings that, given Vicki Mortimer's mix of pomposity and art-deco modishness, suggests the Savov as it might have been redesigned by Albert Speer. Jason Isaacs's bullet-headed Vittorio - that "shaved baboon" - exudes curt command as he lingers over the billiard table or violently spars with a long-suffering confidant. Adam Kotz's Orestes somehow maintains decency and dignity in situations friendly to neither. Emma Fielding makes a chillingly

arrogant, contemptuous [ra. Yet all get, and grab, the opportunity to display the vulnerability you find not only in Racine but in Racine's



Jason Isaacs as the son of Mussolini and Pooky Quesnel as the mother of the heir to the British throne in Craig Raine's clever and original 1953

source, Euripides's Andromache. Isaacs pleads as well as roars. Kotz unzips his upper lip, and Fielding whispers
"what have I done?" as she contemplates the crime passionnel she did and did not request. Her swings of mood, from fiercely vindictive to baffled and despairing, are not only finely managed but embody the theme of Andro-

maque and 1953; the demands of the glands override every-

thing, from honour to duty to a

Führer's orders. In Racine, the characters watch these tussles with principled dismay. With Raine, the feeling is nearer to cynicism, a brusque urbanity that better suits both the contemporary world and his own talent. 1953 brims with sharp, hard images: bodies floating "like teahags", men "toxic with testosterone", a woman "used like a table napkin — I spent an hour on your lap". The writing is distinctive, the con-

cept as original as anything in

London, and Patrick Marber's

production altogether to be re-

Times are hard when an

The conductor was the

The first movement seemed

Passion was not in short

Philharmonic ranged to yield

all-Rachmaninov pro-

pre-revolutionary provincial Russia is a dark, yawning shaft, its sheer walls and bare floor just planks of wood. Julian Crouch's beautiful set suggests warmth, worn homeliness and

bleakly abandoned, potentially cold as a Everything is quiet. Then comes an ominous creaking. It is a line of battered metal lamps being lowered. Their beams reveal the place to be a bit dusty. Amic growing industrial noises, a concealed

shelter from harsh weather, yet it looks

door blows open and in rolls a great table. Stacked on top are a crew of eccentrics, the petty crabbed officials of this backwater town. Dickensian yet East European, they flutter neurotically in tatty velvet coats, unpacking their committee chairs and rustling stacks of papers. Then all is still again. Suddenly a huge staircase comes smashing through the wall. "Good morning, gentlemen," says the dramatically entering Postmaster, almost as if nothing has happened. "I have some news

for you.' Phelim McDermott's vision of Gogol's classic starts off with acutely timed contrasts that are frightening and funny. The Government Inspector West Yorkshire Playhouse,

Thrilling sets for flat scenes

The news is, of course, that an unidentified government inspector with the clout of grand St Petersburg is about to hit town. He seems bound to rumble these corrupt municipal rulers. A Juli-blown comedy of mistaken identities follows. The penniless but not stupid travelling clerk, Ivan Khlestakov (tiny, porky Toby Jones), finds himself wined and dined and getting his pockets lined. Fleering the ocals and playing off the ladies, he is what they deserve but also a rotter

This production proves good and bad. Visually it is stunning. McDermott's scene changes are coups de thédtre, choreographed swishly with cranky wit. Ivan's manservant, almost hallucinating from starvation in a pokey inn, makes his entrance in bed. The latter wheels around. by itself, alarmingly pursued by the staircase. When Ivan eventually waves

troika constructed from the Governor's best chairs. Ivan, preposterously shooting the moose head off the wall and getting his host's last carpet slung into the bargain, rides away with a fantastic variation on a pantomime horse.

Unfortunately, the set is superior to the cast. Most crucially, Jones lacks the theatrical stabire to shoulder the lead. He is short on sexual thrust, for one thing: Elsewhere, superb touches include Julian Bleach's cadaverous Charity Commissioner, bowing and bending like a weasel in a tailcoat. However, scenes go flat. While the farce might escalate further, the hard realities of hunger and abuse could

be played more seriously.

The seeds are there. The nasty portraits of VIPs, peering down from hatches, suggest a world of insanity and surveillance. Generally, the text still needs sharper scrutiny, but Adrian Mitchell's verbally lively adaptation is a delight, and the sature of hopeless schools and crumbling hospitals sounds alarmingly close to of a contract of the

# Shrunk, but not rapt

Down Among the Mini-Beasts Polka, SW19

OUR children's theatres are commissioning work from writers with grown-up reputa-tions, Kate Bassett writes. The Little Angel Theatre in North London boasts Ken Campbell and Gregory Motton, and Bryony Lavery, increasingly known for her adult writing Aiming high is absolutely right. Unfortunately, Down Among the Mini-Beasts, in tended for fives and over, is no great shakes.

This is the story of a gu called Millie. While her daddy is baking, she drinks a shrinking ponon concocted by her granny in the garden shed. Both adults are commendably alternative role-models but are not including the child in their activities. So Millie downs the liquid, dwindles into an extremely weeny mi nor and vanishes into the vegetable patch, courtesy of a vortex and a set change to carrots and cauliflowers painted large. There, Millie finds herself having to make friends with insects who rarely busy themselves with feelings or give unless getting in return.

Lavery's play has potentially winning ingredients: a touch of Lewis Carroll; the environs of David Bellamy at bonds with a caterpillar and does a deal with a dung beetle. The programme notes also include ecological facts. The intention seems to be to mix altruism with survival insquish ams, continued to duff up earthworms.

Ruby Evans, her hair in bunches, makes a convincing Amardeep Kaushal's caterpillar is sweetly entertaining. while the dung beetle (Terence Frisch) is a leathery Victorian dustman and anti-litterbug. But the design lacks sophisti-cation and Lavery's language, in spite of alliterative playfulness, sounds simplistic. The best-loved authors often write over children's heads - and KATE BASSETT thus stimulate growth.

CONCERTS: Rachmaninov played by rote and Berlioz with brio, but Amanda Roocroft tackles too much, too soon



# The pity and the passion

Philharmonia/Yu LPO/Norrington Festival Hall

some novel antiphonal effects. and three choirs adding to the proceedings, it was a characteristically full-blooded, sometimes hair-raising, onslaught on Berlioz's treatment of the

romantic tragedy.

The thunderous drum roll that ended the first of the seven

pianist Bill Evans.

with Dave Holland and Jack

DeJohnette is still operating,

20 years after making its first

recording - Abercrombie is

justly celebrated for helping

define and subsequently pro-

drew to a close a most beautifully delivered movement. Sa-rah Walker evoked the "unforgettable first raptures" and the vale of tears" with her incom-If the offstage partygoers in

ished the melting harmonies and veiled sonorities of the strings in that evocative movement. Anything in the score that smacked of the idiosyncratic or the theatrical was seized on by Norrington and played for all it was worth.

To the Queen Mab Scherzo he brought humour as well needlepoint delicacy, with some truly ethereal harmonics in the middle section. Though a little stretched at the top and

# Lost for words

nterest in Tuesday's recital by Amanda Roocroft, the A soprano's first London appearance since the birth of her haby, can only have been increased by the announce-ment that she has withdrawn from singing Arabella at Covent Garden next month.

Though many singers find their vocal prowess increased by childbirth. Roocroft's determination to tackle so soon such a taxing role for the first time had seemed a little reck-less, and her decision is undoubtedly a wise one (Cheryl Studer will replace her at five of the six performances). But few operatic roles are as

taxing as recital work, and

Amanda Roocroft Wigmore Hall

Roocroft did not skimp at the Wigmore Hall — the first half lasted more than 50 minutes. She showed no sign of fatigue, but alas brought little musical interest to her varied programme. It was dispiriting to find her old weaknesses poor diction and little individuality - highlighted now by the loss of the creamy tone that had been her strong suit. Opening with Haydn's Sce-

na di Berenice, Roocroft sang with urgent intensity but would have communicated the varied emotions better in lessolummy Italian. Her German is stronger, but her selection of Schubert Lieder was also generalised and uninvolving. though Gretchen am Spinn-

rade was an exception.

Stranss appears to surt.

Roocroft well, and she was happier in the quiet optimism of Morgen and the light, highlying lines of Standchen. Even so, the humour of Hat gesagt seemed to come more from her

facial expressions than voice. She conjured up an appro- z priately earthy tone for the Seven Spanish Popular Songs by Falla, but then smoothed them out with vocalise-like projection. The ear was drawn to the more interesting contributions of the planist, Malcolm Martineau\_Roocroft had her moments in Britten's On this Island, articulating a good, smooth line in Now the leaves are falling fast, though she lacked the cabaret accents for As it is, plenty. With few of : Auden's lines coming across. though, her account sounded

incomplete. JOHN ALLISON

parably expressive mezzo. bottom of his compass, Miguel Angel Zapater commanded John Mark Ainsley made a stylish but brief appearance as both sympathy and respect as Friar Laurence. With the orthe tenor soloist, and the semichorus was the most profeschestra, London Philharmonic sional, and best groomed, of the three choral ensembles: Chorus all at full throttle, the final moments of the work the Schutz Choir of London. were thrilling. the Love Scene were a touch BARRY MILLINGTON movements gave chilling no- too raucous, it hardly dimin-Electric music for mind and body eased themselves gently into the ballads eliciting exqui-their opener, the standard sitely constructed solos from BILLED as John Abercrombie's Baseline, but introduced as Hein van der Beautiful Love. Behind the Geyn's ditto, the trio comelectric guitarist's tastefully Baseline prising these two - guitarist soun lines and softly chiming The Rhythmic, NI and bassist respectively chords, the Dutch bassist and drummer Joe LaBarbera was considered and stately in proved to be a model demochis accompanying role, elo-quent and unabashedly tuneespoused by ECM, the comracy. Purveying two sets of elegant, sophisticated but pany for which he has reful in his solos, the fullpunchy chamber jazz, the corded for the past 22 wars. bodied gravity of his sound three men interacted with a in no way compromising its These include a scrupulous delicate spontaneity attention to detail and nulithe propulsiveness. epitomised by the music pro-LaBarbera, unmatched this side of fellow Evans ance, an ability to imbue duced in the various trios superficially cerebral music formed over the years by LaBarbera's most celebrated

with almost romantic lyricism, and the idea that jazz of former employer, the late truly lasting value can be produced by concentrating Himself no stranger to trio as much on the music's settings - his Gateway Trio

texture and overall structure as on more "jazzy" character-istics such as fierce swing and unbridled exuberance. That these values were shared by both LaBarbera

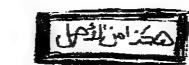
and Van der Geyn was

alumnus Paul Modan for his ability to impart discreet but powerful momentum to music at the slowest of tempos. pattered intelligently round his kit, constantly seeking the subtle side-drum embellishment or the precise shade of cymbal sound that would perfectly complement

the others' playing. Originals by Van der Geyn mulgate the musical values obvious as soon as the trio and Abercrombie followed.... CHRIS PARKER-

the latter which drew heavily on his trademark spangly guitar sound. But it was the second set's opener, Sonny Rollins's jazz-blues Sonnymoon for Two, that really allowed the trio as a whole, and Abercrombie in particular, to open up,

The New York-born guitarist has always been notable for his ability to switch seamlessly between the understated jazz of the likes of Wes Montgomery or Jim. Hall and the blistering axehero electronic noise associated with rock music, and he revelling in both aspects of his prodigious talent. Van der Geyn and LaBarbera were with him every step of the way.





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OPERA

An oddity in The Netherlands. but a thrilling Mussorgsky staging opens in Belgium



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OPERA: Rodney Milnes is ravished by Khovanshchina in Brussels, but let down in Amsterdam

# A cross-Channel bargain at any price

ince it is now cheaper; thanks to current arts-funding policy, to go to the opera in Brussels and Paris than to Covent Garden, reports from across the Channel should perhaps be as frequent as those from Bow Street. Top price in Brussels is £50 (add a pound or two for Paris), Eurostar deals come in at less than £60, and there are regular matinees. Funny old world.

But it would be worth Covent Garden prices and more to catch the new production of Khovanshchina in Brussels, running until tomorrow: it is in every respect outstanding. If an opera company's strength is to be judged by the quality of its orchestra and chorus, then the Monnaie under-Bernard Foorroulle is in the safest of hands: it is a long time since I have heard such full-toned, superbly disciplined playing and singing (the chorusmaster is Werner Nitzer) as that under Paul Daniel last week.

The Shostakovich orchestration is used, but with a new, contemplative ending (devised by J. David Jackson) probably closer to Mussorgsky's inten-tions. The composer's scribbled notes were also cited to justify some nips andtucks in a notoriously sprawling score. The results were unexceptionable save to the most rabid purist: what emergedwas taut, constantly gripping drama quite faultlessly paced by Daniel.

Power politics and intrigue do not change with the centuries, and Stein Winge's production is in non-specific contemporary dress and throws up visual references for the audience to uggle with to its heart's content. There is a vague look of the Red Army to Ivan Khovansky and the Streltsy; Golitsyn wears blazer and flannels; Shaklovity is attended by spooks in raincoats and trilbies, increasing in number as he tightens his grip on power. Chilling. Winge's direction is quiet, concentrated and as disciplined as the music.

The international cast is as strong as unforgettable evening



Chorus of approval: the stunning production of Khovanshchina in Brussels is "in every respect outstanding"

could be imagined: Willard White singing old Khovansky even more expressively than at the Coliseum last season; Elena Zaremba warm and properly voluptuous as the mysterious Marfa; Anatoly Kotscherga granite-toned and unsettlingly fanatical as Dossifey; Jacque Trussel a real amouthie-chops Golitsyn; Ronnie Johansen a horribly creepy Shaklovity: Vladimir Bogachov an authentically ringing Andrey Khovansky. All follow Daniel's lead in emphasising the lyrical beauty of the music as well as its more obvious dramatic power. An

The combination of a top price of £40 and judicious scaming of bucket-shops also makes Amsterdam an attractive prospect, but a pause for reflection is recommended before rushing off to the Netherlands Opera's current revival of Die Pran ohne Schatten, Harry Kupfer's desperately prosaic produc-tion is played out on Wilfried Werz's metallic clattery skeletal pyramid. Extraneous action, as so often in Kupfer, regularly distracts attention from the music, Hofmannsthal's and Strauss's poetic vision is given little chance to weave its spell. There are a few musical compensa-

Moser sing the Nurse and the Emper-or as well as anyone in living or recorded memory, and Ellen Shade is a likeable, involved Empress. Gabriele Schmut was singing the Dyer's Wife for the first time; she has the notes and the stamina, but I find her slightly setin-concrete tone and phrasing too unyielding. Hartmut Haenchen is the perfectly capable conductor but his workeday direction may have accounted for the fine Dutch baritone John Bröcheler (Barak) sounding at less than his best. And an indifferent Frau makes for a very, very long evening.

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I enjoy zero respect within the music industry, says that gifted Scot, **Edwyn Collins** 



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Lou Reed is back with Set The Twilight Reeling, a generally upbeat new solo album





McKee attempts, with mixed results, to play the wild child on



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... and Buffy Sainte-Marie talks about mixing protest songs with a little digital art

er of both native studies and

digital art, she decided to re-

record her old songs because, she says, "I still

feel them in the same way

but I sing better now. When

I was just a kid out of

college, I couldn't sing my

Until It's Time For You to

Go was a worldwide hit and

is her most-recorded song.

Besides Elvis, it has been

interpreted by Arthur Fied-ler and the Boston Pops

Orchestra, Hildegarde Neff

and Vera Lynn, among

others, and translated into

way out of a hat."

# Is snow news good news?

LOCAL radio is the fastest growing medium in Britain, a fact which says much about the perceived gap between politicians and people. The former are moving towards ever-greater centralisation and everlarger political units, while the latter increasingly want units they can

At least, that is the received wisdom. I, however, believe the medium has expanded not as a demonstration of the desire to have local issues locally decided, but as a compensation for the fact that they are not.

Consider the case of

Radio Smalltown, to give the medium a generic title, and the recent snows. Bad weather is good news for local radio; listening figures rise because people know the best information about the advisibility of a trip from A to B will come out of the radio.

Once upon a time, the

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dominant suppliers of information to Radio Smalltown in such circumstances would have been local councils and the motoring organisations. Now, the listener calls the radio station about 2 blocked road and the radio station relays that information. Formal disseminators, such as councils, are bypassed.

In many parts of Britain, the percentage of the population listening to larger than the percentage of electors who vote in local council elections. Radio Smalltown gets things done. Radio Smalltown influences issues. Stations in Berkshire, for example, have a significant role in the

Newbury bypass debate. None of which need be a bad thing in itself. But we may be witnessing a sea change in the democratic process. Whereas an election is a simultaneous expression of the mass will, the use of Radio Smalltown is a drinfeed process with no evidence that it is representative of more than a limited lobby which enjoys the sound of its voice. No one on the business end of local radio can want this change to happen. But only the listen-

ers can prevent it. PETER BARNARD

# Don't call me popular

Arch-outsider Edwyn Collins is a hit at last. David Sinclair finds him unrepentant

or the ready laugh. Edwyn his outsider status seriously. Invited to come up with a snappy line about himself to include in the programme for next Monday's Brit Awards, the Scottish singer and songwriter with the proudest quiff in pop settled on: "Every pariah dog has its day."

"I enjoy zero respect within the music industry," he says, affably. This despite having been nominated in two catego ries of this year's instalment of the British industry's annual backslapping gala: Best British Solo Artist and Best British Single (for A Girl Like You).

"I've always been very forthright and — not wishing to sound too paranoid about it - I know that over the years I've made many enemies in high places," Collins says, Incredibly, given the international success of A Girl Like You and its parent album, Gorgeous George, both released on the tiny independent label Setanta, and licensed to a bewildering variety of independent labels throughout the world. Collins says that there have been no offers of lucrative contracts from the major record companies "The only person who's invited my

manager to come round for a meeting is Richard Branson."

But Collins is in no hurry to come in from the cold. "If these Brit nominations are some kind of belated acknowledgment of my contribution, then all I can do is repeat the old Groucho Marx maxim that I wouldn't wish to belong to any club that would have me as a

Born in Edinburgh in 1959, Collins had his first shot at stardom in Orange Juice, the Glaswegian group that straddled the divide between late-1970s punk and the New Romantic move-ment of the early 1980s without ever nailing its colours to either mast. They enjoyed their biggest hit with the single Rip It Up, which peaked at No 8 in 1983, but eventually foundered in 1985. due to various clashes of personalities. "Groups spend so much time bickering among themselves and thinking up put-downs, which is what we used to

After a long spell in the wilderness. albums - Hope and Despair (1989) and Hellbent on Compromise (1990) and produced records for other acts including Vic Godard, A House and Saint Etienne, Collins has enjoyed an unlikely renaissance, thanks to A Girl Like You. Recorded on a shoestring budget and released in September 1994, the song initially made a brief foray into the Top 50. However, various radio stations, notably Radio l and BBC Greater London Radio, remained entranced by the track's timeless combination of beat, soul and pop and kept playing it long after it had

dropped out of the chart. Meanwhile, it became a No I hit in Belgium, and then spread throughout the Continent, climbing the charts in France and Germany. Re-promoted in Britain last summer, it reached No 4. It has since charted in America, Australia and Japan and worldwide sales now stand at about two million copies. At the same time, Gorgeous George has sold more than 800,000 copies (Hellbent On Compromise sold 23,000).

Apart from bankrolling the Setanta label for the forseeable future, A Girl Like You has enabled Collins to build his own dream recording studio.



Tucked away in a North London mews, it is a functional-looking building with a faulty door-buzzer and a brand new burgiar alarm that nobody seems quite sure how to operate.

The control room is a bizarre hotchpotch of equipment that looks as if it has simply sprouted up around a Neve mixing desk that most people would regard as an antique. To one side there is a massive tangle of wires customised from an old telephone exchange. Ancient guitars are slung across chairs. An oil lamp sits on top of the console. Collins proudly points out a gizmo with four big knobs on it that, he says, the late Joe Meek used to produce the sound of the Tornados, the instrumental group whose Telstar was

a transatlantic No 1 in 1962. Half tunesmith, half technophile, Collins is fascinated by the production of modern music as much as the music

Set the Twilight Reeling

RETURNING to active duty as if the ill-fated Velvet Underground reunion of 1993 had

never happened. Lou Reed

picks up the thread of his solo

career without missing a beat on Set the Twilight Reeling. Thankfully, he has pulled

himself out of the depression

and despair that inspired his

previous album, Magic and Loss. Instead, several songs revisit the scene of his greatest

triumph, the New York album

of 1989, although the scathing,

world-weary tone of that clas-

sic is replaced here by a more

tune, while delegating the

detailed work to an untypical-

ly elaborate horn-section

Reed's greatest strength re-mains his uncanny ability to

conjure a song from the sim-plest of building blocks. In HookyWooky, he paints a rooftop picture of the city— Looking at the chemical

sky/All purple, blue and

oranges/Some pigeons flying by - over a childishly simple.

The skin-and-bones produc-

tion of numbers ranging from

upbeat mood.

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you can sit down with an acoustic guitar and sing it and it'll sound great. Sound is not more important than songwriting, but a good song can be ruined by a bad or inappropriate

But he insists he is not part of rock's Luddite tendency, represented most prominently in recent times by Lenny Kravitz. "I installed the Neve desk because it's the best. It's not built any more because of financial constraints. not because the new desks are any better. But I'm just as fascinated with sampling technology. I'm simply trying to take the best from each era. I'm as excited by the production technique of Phil Spector as I am by [rap producer] Dr Dre."

With a new single, Keep on Burning, due for release on the day of the Brits,

itself. "I don't agree with the idea that Collins has no plans to relinquish his the test of a really good song is whether post as one of pop's arch mavericks. A song that pours gentle scorn on what he sees as the retro and imgoistic overtones of the Britpop revolution — "It's the same old story, England's glory/Claiming back the Union Jack" Burning comes swathed in typically strange layers of production echo and

> 'it's hard to be operating for 15 years without getting a hit ironic," Collins says. "I'm often reminded of the Frank Zappa album Does Humor Belong In Music? I take humour very seriously."

The single Keep on Burning is released by Setanta on Monday

Edwar Collins is the special guest on Pulps British tour, starting at Brighton Centre on Tuesday, continuing at Cardiff, Birmingham, Manchester, Edinburgh, Newcastle, Humberside, Sheffield and end-

# Return of the native

Paul Sexton on a protest singer in tune with the vibes of her

ancestors and her Apple Mac

ly. Buffy Sainte-Marie, born on a reservation in Saskatchewan, Canada, celebrated champion of Native American heritage, seasoned trou-badour of history-laden protest songs ... and Mac-intosh-friendly, digital

Buffy's Up Where We Belong album is a collection of new versions of the songs that made her name. As well as featuring the award-winning title track, familiar from the film An Officer and a Gentleman, it takes us back to the early 1970s when she had a Top Ten hit with Soldier Blue and Elvis Presley recorded her melancholy Until It's Time For You To Go. But the album

is not the only fruit of her creativity. "I have lots of paint-ings on display and galleries in says proudly ali digital, all

to use a tape

recorder 9 Marie computer is rarely dormant, since it also pro-vides the palette for her recordings. She sees no

incongruity in songs steeped in indigenous tradi-tion such as Universal Soldier and Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee undergoing a digital revival. That's like use a tane recorder because it comes from the world of technology," she says. "As children, we don't distinguish whether we're play-

ing with colour or playing with

Sainte-Marie, 55 next week, returned to recording in 1991 after leaving it in the 1970s to raise her son and to add another string loaded bow as a Sesame .: Street comeback record, Coincidence and Like-Stories .. showed that her

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Up Where We Belong which won her a Grammy and an Oscar in 1983 an attractively hands of its author. "There could too the Joe Cocker **6** Refusing Jennifer to use a songwriter's computer is like refusing

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# Well, hello, merry Lou, goodbye art

MARIA McKEE Life Is Sweet The New Album Released 12th February CD and Cassette

NEW ALBUMS: An upbeat Lou Reed returns to solo duties; plus high-grade hardcore from Daye Clarke

the jokey rocker Egg Cream to the earnest pseudo-soul of Hang on to your Emotions further disguises the craft that goes into Reed's work, and even the more ambitious, sub-Hendrix pyrotechnics of Rip Tide tend to sound as if they have been rather casually knocked out.

He will need to make a more conspicuous effort if he is ever to produce another record as outstanding as New York, but this is fine for now.

'I'm a New York City DAVE CLARKE man/Blink your eyes and I'll Archive One be gone," he warns mischie-(Deconstruction/BMG 74321 vously on NYC Man, using his deadpan drawl to sketch only the faintest outline of a

BESIDES elevating the DJ/producer from an ancillary tole to that of performer in his own right, the most intriguing effect of computerised studio technology is the way in which it has enabled the most sophisticated operators to break music down into its most primitive components.

better than most. A DJ from Brighton working in a field. roughly similar to that of hardcore techno acts such as Moby and the Chemical Brothers, Glarke has fashioned Archive One, a monumental debut propelled almost entirely by stark, minimalist percussion loops, laced with forbidding sound effects and disorientating shards of noise.

Apart from the gothic, orchestral-synth introduction

Rhapsody in Red, only one track, Miles Away, could be said to boast a tune, and even that soon withers away from

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lack of harmonic nourishment. More typical is the ingeniously interlinked per-cussion and syncopated handclaps of Tale of Two Cities or the seismic overload Dave Clarke knows this of Storm, with its bass drum banging like a fist on a door while a synth simulates the sound of a swarm of bees. Elsewhere, odd snippers of speech contribute to the neurotic tension of No One's Driving - That's the way the government planned it/Raped and pillaged every one on the

> Undoubtedly an acquired taste, the album is nevertheless stunning; a race into the future that is likely to induce whiplash among the unwary.

MARIA MCKEE Life is Sweet (Geffen GED 24819)

IN A career dogged by a series of identity crises, Maria McKee has finally come out as a bit of a wild child, now that Courtney, Tori and all the others have made it fashionable. Unfortunately, 25 with her previous attempts to play the roles of roots-rocker and sensitive singer-songwriter: Life is Sweet, although per-formed to a high standard.

ring combination of loud guitar - played by McKee in a brash, angular style con-sciously influenced by the late Mick Ronson - and orchestral arrangements, songs such as Scarlover and I'm Not Listening teeter on the brink of hysteria. But scratch the surface drama and there is a lack of substance at the core.

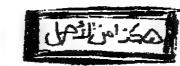
VARIOUS ARTISTS Trainspotting (EMI Premier 37190)

NATURALLY, no film that plumbs unspeakable depths of drug-induced depravity would be complete without a brilliant pop soundtrack - and here it is. It boasts previously unreleased tracks by Pulp, Leftfield, Primal Scream, Sleeper and Damon Albarn along with more familiar delicacies by New Order (Temptation), Elastica (2:1) and Blur (Sing) and a handful of standards including Low Reed's Perfect Day and Iggy Pop's Lust for Life

Ironic, really, that with one or two exceptions (Primal Scream's instrumental title track is a bit murky), it should turn out to be such a generally cheerful collection of songs.

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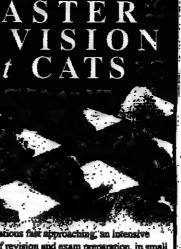
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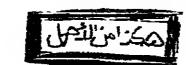
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job at Baildon Combing, so 1

Technically he is a graduate with a BA and MA from stayed on at school.
"I did quite well at examina-Manchester University (allowed in "by mistake") and Oxford tions and got a state scholarship. No one from our school had gone to Oxford or Cambridge but the where he gained his PhD after getting in "through the back headmaster said: "You might try door"). But it was the wave of Oxford; go to the library and get protest over the disastrous invasion of 1956 which ultimately got him where he is, which is Labour MP for Great Grimsby and the only person in television's Annie's the university calendar out." I looked at the prospectus but it was all about colleges and I didn't understand a word, so in 1952 I went to Manchester University, They accepted me by mistake." Accidentally allowed in without says, "but I drifted into university, l went to Bingley Grammar School, West Yorkshire. Most of the obligatory Latin O level, he had to take it during his first year.

"I liked Manchester. It was

utilitarian, homely (that is, they

residence. Montgomery House. It as a very religious place, a YMCA. We thought ourselves riotous but I don't remember getting drunk. I missed out on the so-called character-building aspects of university life. I used to go rather pathetically to Saturday night hops where they had the Northern Dance Orchestra, and to rag balls. If there was a uniform, it

was corduroy and Harris tweed. "I was an obnoxious little swot," he declares, "I wanted to go on and become an academic." After a year of French he switched to the three-year history degree, folenough, the future television prerevolutionary. He came from a Tory working-class family, became a Liberal and did not join the Labour Party until his final year. He spent the summer of 1956 working — and arguing — in a Coop biscuit factory with Paul Rose, an enthusiastic Marxist who later became a Labour MP.

"It was a late conversion," he says. It was vastly strengthened by the Conservative Government's Egypt's canal zone. "Suez was the most spectacular event of the Fifties. It was very exciting for a generation of undergraduates which hadn't been in the war. Suddenly there was protest in the

He did end up in Oxford, at Jesus, after all. "Through the back door," he says, although being a PhD student sounds very much like a front-door entry.

He followed his history supervisor, Gaitskell biographer Phillip Williams, to Nuffield College, a marvellous swapshop of ideas presided over by David Butler, the

"Oxford was exotically privieged and I reacted adversely. I felt like the Porterhouse Blue character who shoves inflated contraceptives up the chimney." One of his undergraduate contemporaries was whipped out of his history degree course to "inherit" his daddy's safe seat in Parlia-ment, What with lecturing and working in television, Austin Mitchell himself took rather longer to make it to Annie's Bar and, indeed. Annie's Bar.

# Does a Jewish education work?

Rabbi Julia Neuberger reflects on the implications of a

startling report into the attitudes of British Jewry

comprehensive survey of the social and political attitudes of the British Jewish community was published yesterday to launch the Institute for Jewish Policy Research. It makes fascinating reading.

One of the findings in particular should bring joy to The Times's Editor and writers. The Times comes out as the broadsheet paper most widely read by the Jewish community - 15 per cent of the sample read it.

The research also illustrates a growing sector of British Jews who feel firmly and securely rooted in British society, who do not regard themselves as living in "cole" of any kind, do not believe Jews are more tolerant than anyone else, nor that Jews behave in such a way as to cause hostility to be directed

male intermarriage with non-Jewsh women is as high as 44 per cent in the crucial younger ages (under 40). And it reveals that Jews are more likely to identify with the Jewish community through their attachment to religious ritual than through their religious faith.

These figures, the result of the largest survey of self-identifying Jews ever carried out in this country, will force the leaders of the Jewish community to look again at how to strengthen that community. Though aware of the intermarriage



Rabbi Julia Neuberger

partner of a mixed marriage, thus losing yet another family:

Though we have suspected that. people identify with ritual rather than with faith, we have not thought creatively about how to build on this to strangulen our community. Our, synagogues in particular have been slow to widen Hence it should be no surprise that member of a synagogue at all, even though that was how one associated with the community in the past.

But the most startling conclusion of all is that the great nostrum against assimilation valued by all today's community leaders, Jewish schooling (and specifically Jewish day-school education), makes very little difference to whether Jews rate, we have not welcomed non-Jewish spouses. Rather, we have tended to exclude the Jewish-born the social and religious dynamics of the family, that are the determi-nants of Jewish life choices.

This is important. The Jewish community now has one in six children in Jewish day-school edu-cation. The argument has been that this will halt the decline of the community. Even my own non-orthodox community has followed this path with Akiva School, and another is set to follow. But the evidence is not there. It is family that matters, not Jewish schooling. Added to that, there are moral arguments against-sectarian edu-

multi-faith community should learn to live together, and they can only learn that by being at school together. That does not mean that religious education should be ex-cluded from schools, as Americans tave it: Religion is too important a part of life to be excluded from schools, and some understanding of it should be part of general education. But religious education should be about religions, rather themselves as Jewish is not at than indoctrination in any one

religion.
The 1988 Education Act was wrong in making religious educa-tion and assemblies broadly Christian. Children should be encouraged to explore their own religions, and hear about other

It is parents who should do the religious indoctrination. The Institute for Jewish Policy Research suggests that schools are ineffective in building up a sense of religious



The most startling conclusion is that Jewish schooling has little bearing on whether Jews associate with their community in later life

identity and religious commitment. The Jewish experience suggests that it is parents and the wider family, rather than the schools. who can succeed in doing this.

We ought therefore to re-examine separatist education tendencies, and think more about how families can best inculcate religious loyalties and values, instead of leaving the task to the schools. Indeed some evidence suggests that sectar-ian education is actively harmful. It can lead to sectarian tensions, or at

least extend their life, as Northern Ireland has shown. The Jewish experience is not unique. Roman Catholic education in Britain and America has failed to increase association with Catholicism. People "lapse", irrespective of their

The emphasis on educational remedies may arise because it is much easier to establish sectarian schools than to influence behaviour in the home. More work needs to be done on Jewish family patterns, to understand how the family dynamics strengthen Jewish identity. We need to think of ways of encourag-ing families to celebrate festivals in the home such as Passover, because children will remember it and associate with it, when they have forgotten the Hebrew they learnt at

Wasserstein and Norman Cantor warn of a collapse of Diaspora Jewry. This is reinforced by today's evidence. How acute the danger is

believe that we can halt the decline. The solution has to be within the wider community, not by narrow retreat into the ghetto of sectarian education. It means being braver about what Jews stand for, braver about our attitude to social justice, intermarriage, and general education, and, now that we are confident in our Britishness, braver about standing up for other minorities, arguing that they too can make a contribution to the wider society.

may be a matter of dispute. But I

# Susan Elkin says children should attempt serious drama and music productions

### t does not matter how talented or otherwise you L are at drama, music or backstage work; if, in your youth, you took part in any. kind of school production it will be ingrained in your memory as one of the high spots of your schooldays.

No doubt you learnt much from it too. For me it was singing in Benjamin Britten's Nove's Fludde, playing the violin in an inter-schools performance of Haydn's The Creation under Sir David Willcocks and being part of a sort of Greek chorus in a dramatised version of Dylan Thomas's Holiday Memory (When the sun declared war on the butter, and the butter ran...")

Few things offer as much cross-curricular educational enhancement as putting on a play, concert or show. We hear a deal about the value of teamwork these days. The proponents are usually blinkered advocates of more team games and sport. But productions offer a valuable chance to be a team member 100. Only last term I watched a moving and commendably ambitious school production of Arthur Miller's Auschwitz play Playing for Time intimately performed by a large, all-female cast in a small space. The sense of cohesion among aciors and technicians was palpable. Lucky girls to have been given that opportunity. Plays do wonders for self-

esteem too. It is fashionable to knock the concept of selfesteem as an excuse for selfish, hedonistic amorality: simplisne nonsense, of course Those with a healthy sense of selfesteem are mentally balanced. at ease with themselves and the world. A young person can achieve near miracles of personal development through a ation — to argue for an unrelieved diet of large-scale dramansation of lan Serail- Americana which will

# Do put your pupils on the stage...

lier's The Silver Sword a few years ago. In the course of rehearsals our stage manager, a mouse of a 12-year-old child whom we had, to our shame, hardly noticed previously, emerged from the ranks. She was a natural and became totally indispensable to the whole project. The Silver Sword was a major turning point for that girl - she blossomed progressively

And what about getting to know the work of important playwrights and composers? There is no substitute for the internal perspective you get from taking part in a play when it comes to understanding what it is all about. My son had a one-line part as a citizen in a whole-school production of Romeo and Juliet when he was about 14 -- a tiny contribution, but it meant that he attended many rehearsals which has left him with a permanent in-depth knowledge of the play.

That is why the choice of play is so important. I despair of schools which seem to alternate between Bugsy Malone and Grease - with Annie thrown in occasionally for light relief - because that is the current fashionable rut. Little of any real, lasting worth seems to

get a look in. It is all very well for head about the educational experience of the performers and back-stage crew? A school's' prime responsibility is to the education of its pupils - not to the entertainment of the local community. Why aren't schools having a Although a few schools still go at quality operatta and

attempt Shakespeare occa- even, dare I say, an occasional

much else that is worthwhile. Who is performing Shaw, Ibsen, Chekhov, Bolt and Shaffer - to name but a handful of "greats". Why aren't schools having a



An unchanging diet of Grease will teach very little

opera? I know of one prep school and one city technology college which produced Gil-bert and Suilivan operas in zance and Ruddigore, respectively — but that is rare today. It is a great opportunity missed too. Not only are they part of our heritage but they are accessible, very funny and, incidentally, a good source of British social history.

And as for musicals, yes of

course there is no reason why schools shouldn't do one occasionally in the interests of variety. But why does it almost always have to be American? The lazy throat croon is ugly. the diaphragm is a no-go zone and it is all churned into a "mid-Atlantic" accent. What is the matter with My Fair Lady or The Sound of Music? Are they ignored because they are too clean and straightforward? What an indictment of the way we always tend to give children what we have conditioned them (and their parents?) to think they want.

ost worrying are the schools who don't put on drama and music productions at all. Sadly the strikes and withdrawal of goodwill by large numbers of teachers in the mid-Eighties have left a long legacy. In some cases lack of commitment to extracurricular activities - sports matches, trips. plays - has become a habit and, unfortunately, part of the flavour of the school.

Far from being just a bit of window dressing, school pro-ductions are vital to the enhancement of the education of pupils. Every child should have the opportunity of being part of a school play. There should be lots of them happening in every school so that the children experience a really ern Ireland and England.

# A new door opens for classroom 'failures'

Pass rates in public ex-aminations may be ris-ing year by year, but still as many as one teenager in 12 is leaving school without qualifications. With Sir Ron Dearing due to report next month on provision for the 16-19 age group, a little-noticed initiative in Wales may be

timely.
The Principality is launching a new qualification called Achievement (CEA) for non-academic 16-year-olds. Courses designed for the 7 to 8 per cent of pupils imable to pass GCSE will begin next September. The first of them will be examined in the summer of 1998.

Virtually all secondary and special schools in Wales and Northern Ireland will enter pupils, and it is expected that up to 1,000 schools in England will also participate. The reasons for such interest, according to Brian Rogers, CEA coordinator at the Welsh Joint Education Council (WJEC). is that the qualification is not a meaningless piece of paper.

"Instead of leaving school bored and empty-handed. these pupils would have gained a qualification they can present to employers," Mr Rogers says. "At the same time, they will be motivated rather than disenchanted and their self-esteem will have been raised."

The CEA builds on the previous success of the Certificate of Education, a qualification developed by Mid-Gla-morgan LEA in 1984. Subsequently adopted by the WJEC, was opened to pupils across the Principality and later successfully marketed in North-But the Certificate of Educa-

**Iola Smith** reports on a

Welsh initiative to launch a new qualification

tion has come to the end of its useful life. Both the WJEC and Wales's Curriculum and Assessment Authority regard the old qualification as unsuitable to meet the needs of the revised national curriculum. It is

therefore being abolished. Unlike the old certificate, the CEA is stringently targeted. According to Roderick Rich-

> 'It will raise some pupils' self-esteem and they will leave school motivated'

ards, Education Minister for Wales, it is designed specifically for those pupils who failed to reach level three (which is expected of the average nineyear-old) in national curriculum subjects at age 14.

That does not mean, however, that pupils will be prevented from sitting a mixture of GCSEs and CEAs. For example, pupils likely to achieve GCSE grade G in

jects will be able to sit those at GCSE level, in combination with, say, science and maths at CEA level.

Other pupils will be able to sit all their exams at CEAlevel, while youngsters whose schools are uncertain whether they could pass GCSE may be entered for both qualifications. That way they can at least achieve a CEA.

The content of CEA courses will often parallel GCSE in many respects. For example, in English pupils will study Shakespeare (although perhaps focusing more on video interpretations) and their reading lists will be shorter than the GCSE.

Wales's Curriculum and Assessment Authority expects that up to 31 subject options will be available at CEA-level. They will include all national curriculum subjects, plus additional modern languages such as Spanish and Japanese. together with studies in topics such as childcare, textiles and

onsiderable emphasis will be placed on coursework and schoolbased assessment, and it is expected that pupils who pass CEA will be graded on three levels. The grades' names have yet to be confirmed, but they are likely to be pass, merit and distinction.

The WJEC is convinced that CEA's great strength is its role as a stepping-stone to further educational achievement. By 1998 it will be accepted as an entry qualification by further education colleges, and it is expected that students armed with CEAs will be able to build on their knowledge to achieve further vocational or academic

# **SPORT**

# Mastering the art of encouraging new talent

evaluating the work of clients who approached it for funds, sacked its team of properly-paid experts and sold its London headquarters, a part-time worker sitting behind a cheque book in a room in Houndsditch could meet to is "winners managing most of the demands that are at present considered, ashurrah/booh outfit. sessed and refused.

I thought of that when I took a train to Twyford to visit Masters International . . . who have announced the award of four £5,000 annual bursaries under its Sports Career Counselling Scheme. I also thought about letting them counsel me. but decided against it.

Once upon a time there were agents who did deals and took a percentage. Now there are

their customers: not just guiding them in their careers, but preparing them for life after stardom - planning finance. education, work experience and future employment. Masters International, whose mot-

It is headed by the 36th richest man in Britain. Hurrah. He made his money as a

tobacco trader and arms deal-His clients include leuan Evans (hurrah) and Mike Catt (booh). Allan Donald (hurrah) and Graeme Hick (booh).

Enough of that. They also

have Michael Campbell, An-

managements who do deals, ders Forsbrand, Tony take percentages and operate Johnstone, Helen Wadsworth, Emma Carrick Anderson. Gary Kasparov and Paul Adams - the South African who is in India bowling Chinamen to Arabs...

> tained Rhodesia at rugby foor-ball, went on to create the fifthlargest tobacco company in the world, sold out for nine figures and founded Masters in 1994. It's headquarters is a Georgian mansion near Reading, a mansion that was once the home of Lady Palmer of Huntley & fame.

John Bredenkamp cap-

He has a private Gulfstream jet, had arrived in it that morning from New York having picked up his wife in Florida and it was hard to suppress the thought that the cost of the journey could



ON FRIDAY

athletes. Let us examine what he has done, for it is wholly commendable and were others to emulate his example we might hold our heads higher in the arenas of world sport. He has supported:

Marcus Adams, age 28.

gold medal-winner, but stalled tendon injury. Sarah Bailey, 18, distin-

guished Paralympic Games medal-winner, and winner of ten gold medals at a British Sports Association for the Disabled senior event last year, now preparing for the 1996 Games in Atlanta. Trevor Campbell, Manchester Giants under-23

basketball player with a Will Greenwood, son of Richard Greenwood who cap-

tained England at rugby football; the 24-year-old works for a financial services company who treat him well, but he has to take unpaid leave to play, has been selected to join the England training squad. "His bursary will help him to continue to play and keep him in meaningful employment." It is an eclectic list, chosen by Jim Cochrane, chairman of the British Schools Lawn Ten-

nis Association and Geoff Thompson, former world heavyweight karate champion, using the principles of the Youth Charter for Sport, selecting from northwest

It will be fascinating to see how these folk reward the investment. It will be argued into the night whether this £20,000 bounty is the most beneficial way of achieving national success, or whether a number of younger, less advantaged, promising athletes in the same disciplines might have been a better pilot

they flourish. In Lady Palmer's old home, which is now as highly appointed as any office in the land, executives work to further their clients' ambition: Kasparov wants to go into politics, they are creating for him a smart-casual image via commercials for designer clothes and non-Lada cars.

They are also combating Mike Catt's proneness to hapless remarks like "I'll kick Rob Andrew into touch." They told me he actually meant "I have tremendous admiration for Mr Andrew but I, too, am able to convert penalties". A professional journalist has been employed by the management to sit down and advise the England full back on the dangers of spontaneous

Contrasting

fortunes

for rising

talents

A MOMENT of fame can be a double-edged sword. It can either lift your confidence to

confident as he was before,"

Stolle did not let the after-

effects of Wednesday's win

over Thomas Muster slow

him down. As the son of Fred

Stolle, he has seen his share of

life as a tennis professional

His father would not allow any slacking when Sandon was growing up. "But it's better to have a father who is

hard on you than one-who

ily I have been around a lot of

good tennis players." All of which should stand him in

good stead in the seed-free half

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RUGBY LEAGUE

"And coming from my fam-

said Ivanisevic.

# Catt instead of Callard at full back MIKE CATT, the England full

Bath favour \*

back, replaces Jonathan Callard, the man he ousted from the national team, as the Bath full back to play Wasps in the Courage Clubs Championship tomorrow. Catt, the former Bath stand-off half. recently declared his intention of challenging for the new club position in an attempt to

bolster his England career.
Callard missed four out of six kicks in the Pilkington Cup victory over Wakefield last Saturday, while Catt was playing for the Bath second team. John Hall, the club manager, said: "Jon's kicking is vital to his selection and we felt that it has not been as good as it usually is. Mike had a very good game for the United and we are picking week by week."

### Still no joy

Bowls: Joyce Lindores, the women's world indoor champion from Scotland, lost to Stephen Recs, of Wales, 2-7, 7-6, 7-2, 5-7, 7-1 in the first round of the Churchill Insurance world indoor singles championship in Preston yesterday. A woman has yet to win a match in this event.

Europe in September. She succeeds JoAnne Carner, who led the Americans to victory in 1994 but resigned recently.

### Group rivals

Rugby union: England, the world cup sevens champions, have been drawn in the same group as Scotland for the Hong Kong tournament next month. Argentina and Singa-

Skiing: Heavy snow and poor visibility led to the cancellation of practice for the downhill races at the world championships in Sierra Ne-

### new heights or weigh you down so you sink like a stone. The two newcomers to fame in Dubai, Karel Novacek and Sandon Stolle, were at opp-Rusedski march yesterday (Alix Ramsay Tennis: Greg Rusedski, the British No I and seventh seed, Novacek wilted under the serving power of Goran Ivanisevic while Stolle battled served ten aces on his way to a 6-1, 6-3 victory over Richard through to the quarter-finals against Andrei Cherkasov. Fromberg, of Australia, in the first round of the Sybase Open Novecek's fame was acquired in San Jose, California. for all the wrong reasons — today he will learn how far the Solheim captain drug allegations against him Golf: Judy Rankin, 51, is the have proceeded - and, new captain of the United against the No 4 seed, the States, Solheim Cup team for pressure showed. At first he the biermial match against was outplayed, then he fought back briefly, but eventually lost 6-3, 7-5. "He was not as

pore complete group B.

# No practice

vada. Spain, yesterday.

# Modahl takes first steps on comeback trail

By David Powell, athletics correspondent

THE first public indication that Diane Modahl intends to resume her international athletics career was offered on Wednesday night when she appeared without notice in a low-key, four-mile road race around the home of Derby County Football Club, the Basebail Ground. Modahl may be facing financial ruin. but she is not destitute vet. "She paid her 52 entry fee," David Denton, the event organiser, said.

That afternoon, Modahl launched High Court proceedings against the British Athletic Federation (BAF) for "a substantial six-figure sum" in compensation for losses arising from her suspension for an alleged drugs offence. By the evening, she was experiencing that feeling of pinning on a number again, for the first time in 18 months. In a mixed field of 26, she finished tenth overall, setting a women's course record 22min 56sec.

Vicente Modahl, the athlete's husband, is angry that the federation has, in his view, made no attempt to help to rehabilitate her from the trauma of failing a drugs test. A BAF appeals panel overturned is free to compete worldwide, pending a ruling from the International Amateur Athlet-

Modahl said that privileges

his wife's standard had not been extended to her since the appeal panel cleared her. Such athletes may be entitled to grants and medical support for treatment of injuries.

"Diane has not received one penny towards training or been told she is entitled to medical care," Modahl said. "She is not treated

equally." Tony Ward, the BAF spokesman, said: There is still a good deal of uncertainty about Diane's future participation at international level, so you cannot expect the

federation to grant funds." Modahl has not entered yet for the British Olympic trials in June. "She has been through a trauma and is struggling to know whether she is going to compete," her husband said. On Wednesday. Modahi said she faced 'financial ruin".

Denton, a former Great

Britain cross country selector, was impressed by her run. "If you put her in a decent 10k race in five or six weeks, I would have thought she could run 33 to 34 minutes," he said. The Flora London Marathon announced yesterday that German Silva, the winner of the New York City Marathon for the past two years, would face Dionicio Cerón, his fellow Mexican and defending

champion, in this year's race

accorded to British athletes of



Michael Schumacher, the world motor racing champion, and the car in which he will start his Ferrari career were the focus of attention as the team launched Designed by a Briton, John Barnard, the car looks from the front more like a Jet fighter but despite its appearance, his belief that he will not retain his title. "I am not downplaying my chances." he

said. "But I have to be realistic. We are starting something new here." The German, who won the title driving for Benetton last year, added: "1' spent 412 We'd achieved everything together and I needed a new motivation here." Luca Ferrari, said: "Let's say now that we will win three races this year, but remember

that Keke Rosberg won the champion-

Schumacher's principal rival last sea-Estoril, Portugal, yesterday. Hill, driv-ing his new Williams-Renault, recorded a lap of lmin 21.64sec. The Briton completed 27 laps of the 2.701-mile circuit. Rubens Barrichello, of Brazil, was the second-fastest in his Jordan-Peugeot, with a best time of lmin 22.59sec from 67 laps.

# • HEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent This Refresher illustrates a good defensive point - if you need

your partner to hold a specific card to beat the contract, play him for it. The problem looks trivial when you see all the cards, but a good player went wrong at the table. Concentrate on West's

Dealer South Game all +AJ4 +10863 BRLDAG **4 10 5 6 5** N **+762** VASS ₹109783 4AKJ2 124 **+612** +KQ8 **7KJ42** 

**♣** K 10 4 Contract: 3NT by South Lead: ace of diamonds

South opened 1 NT (12-14) and North raised to 3 NT. On the first trick East played the four of diamonds perforce, and West had to decide what to do. The four of diamonds was consistent with a holding of 974 and without much thought West continued with another top diamond. That was the end of the defence.

What West should have done was work out what East could have in the way of high cards. Dumny and West have 26 points between them, and the declarer has at least 12. That means that East has at most two points, and the only useful two he can have is the queen of diamonds. If East's two-point holding is the queen of spades. South will have enough tricks, by way of five clubs, two spades and two hearts (he must have the jack of hearts to make up his twelve points). So it was clear West should have continued with a

playing his partner to hold the only card that would beat the Notice by the way that

playing a high diamond at trick two wouldn't have done any good if South had had the doubleton queen - South would be bound to guess correctly if West played a third round, as an opening lead of ace from AKJ is more likely than from AKXX.

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# WORD-WATCHING

# By Philip Howard

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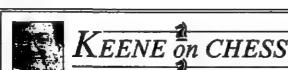
c. Holy burning NULLIBIETY

a. Bachelordom b. Being nowhere c. Inertia. in Ayrshire

a. A mythical serpent b. A gauntlet c. A handbook

LUMBRICOID a. Greasy b. With a big bottom c. Like an earthworm

Answers on page 42



BY RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

After four games of the match between Garry Kasparov and IBM's Deep Blue computer the score is still level. Game four was drawn after Kasparov squandered an early advantage with the rash advance 22 f5. Thereafter, the computer gained immense even had to sacrifice rook for

balance. White: Garry Kasparov Black: Deep Blue Philadelphia, February 1996

Semi-Slav Defence NI3

knight in the latter stages of

the contest to maintain the

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24 Rxo8+

26 Rxc4

27 Qe5

29 Od4 Kh7 Computer deadlock 31 Kh! Qc7 **Qb6** 

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Draw agreed

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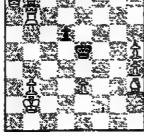
Polgar leads After ten games of their sixteen game match for the world

to 3½. Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend

By Raymond Keene

Nd5

White to play and mate in two moves. This position completes a week celebrating the problems composed by the teenage chess prodigy Lilian Baird. She composed this position in 1896, when 15 years old. The black king has tremendous but White can nevertheless force mate in two moves. Can you see



# BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): New Jersey 88 Indiana 87: Detroit 102 Philadelphia 83: Cheriotte 120 New York 100; Seattle 130 Newsotte 93; Vancouver 93 Saicromenio 86: Golden Som 104 Boston 100. LA Lakers 87 Allante 86
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women's championship, Zsuzsa Polgar (Hungary) leads Xie Jun of China by 6½

section on Saturday.

WINNING MOVE

CRICKET Call 0891 881 461 (Un) at 1sec; 3, F Baldato (II); 4, E van Hooydonck (Bel); 5, 5 Dejorgh (Hol); 5, M Strazer (II) all same bris. Overall poell-lone; 1, Svorda (CD) 1:48:48; 2, Tchmi at Stec; 3, F Baldato (II) 7 GERMAN LEAGUE: Cologne () Fortune Disseldort ().
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(Manchester City away to Menchester
United in 18th round), Port Vale 2 Everton 1
(Port Vale away to Leeds United in 18th
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(Fig. February 22 to 24).

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ODAY'S TYTURES AND A RUGBY UNION

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Bridgend v Stirkty County
Cross Keys v Oakdale
Liandovery v Warberth
Lanelli v Boroughraut
Llankman v Aberavon
Maesteg v Maesteg Cellie
Newport v Giascow HK
Panarth v Univ College of Weles
Pomypridd v Dunder (HSPP
Sucarssax v Porthypool (7.15)
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FOOTBALL BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Galvery (8.0).

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Adidan Victory Shield under-15 Internetional: Weles v Northern lectand (at Wrecham FC, 715). English Schools Full Film Trophy-Quarter-final: Welest v Wirral (at Walsall Wood FC). FA Premier League under-16 trophy-Nottinghamshire v Laicestershire (at Bistriorpe FC, 1.30). English Schools Shickers under-16 trophy: Monkseaton HS, Whitey Bay v York College (2.0). English Schools Goodyser under-16 trophy: Windoor HS, West Miclands v Winecote HS, Statis (2.0). English Schools gits' Vintro under-16 trophy: Victoria HS, Cumbra v Glenbur HS, Lancashire (3.0): Willerthell West Midlends v Beeworth College, Lelossor (2.0).

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PHONE RACKCARD

Champion hurdler has new partner for Sunday workout

# Bradley to school Alderbrook

GRAHAM BRADLEY was yesterday summoned by Kim Bailey to put Alderbrook through his paces at Lambourn on Sunday, when the seven-year-old will have his last school in advance of his seasonal debut next week.

Bradley, who has never ridden Alderbrook before, is to put the seven-year-old over a series of poles ahead of the Kingweil Hurdle at Wincanton on Thursday, Recent injuries to Norman Williamson and Jamie Osborne dictate that Bradley is almost certain to ride Alderbrook on his first outing over hurdles

Nap: DARZEE (3.10 Sandown Park) Next best: Bob's Ploy (3.55 Uttoxeter)

since his Champion Hurdle victory 11 months ago. 'It will be a little getting to-

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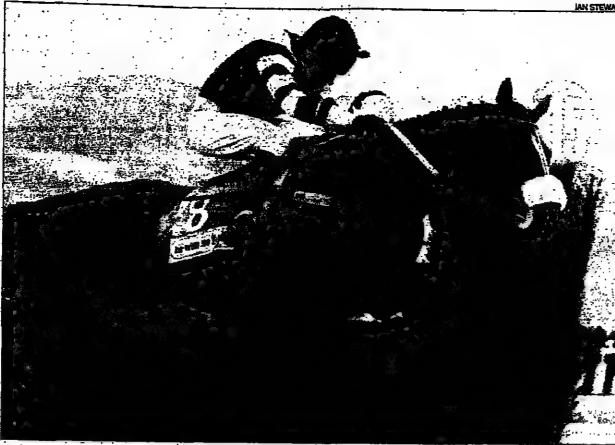
know-you session for the pair them," Bailey said. "At this stage everything is going to plan with Alderbrook. The rainer also gave Master Oats a clean bill of health on his return from Ireland and the Cheltenham Gold Cup winner starts cantering this morning in preparation for the defence of his crown on March 14. .-

After his crashing fall at Ascot on Wednesday, Jamie Osborne was yesterday dis-charged from hospital feeling sore but entirely sound of limb. Remarkably, he escaped serious injury but is now confronted by 21 days of enforced inactivity on account. of Jockey Club regulations. The jockey was concussed in the fall, albeit for a short

The first I knew about my 21-day absence was when I tuned into the Teletext service in hospital," Osborne said. "I have spoken to Dr Michael

1.30 Crown Equeny

2.00 Northern Saddler 2.35 Cuddy Date



Master Oats starts cantering at Lambourn today in preparation for his defence of the Cheltenham Gold Cup

medical officer) about it and he made it plain that the period was strictly not negotia-ble. The rule is there to prevent jockeys coming back too soon after taking falls, and I have to accept it is there to safeguard our own health.

Nevertheless, Osborne must wait until four days before the start of the Cheltenham Festival before he can pick up the reins. "It is very frustrating," he said. "Normally, I'd be looking to finalise my Cheltenham rides over the next three weeks, but I'll have to do it from the substitutes' bench."

in entirely different circumstances, Richard Hannon was another to rush back from a period of inactivity when he flew in from Barbados yester-

3.10 Derzee

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BETTING: 7-4 Morthern Saddler, 9-4 Konsekia King, 9-2 Medires Sweb Song, 3-1 Southampton, 7-1 Reduc Star. 1995: BOLD CHOICE 9-10-12 J Frost (9-4) II Frost 4 pm

FORM FOCUS

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NORTHERN SUDDLET 1/41 2nd to Example in 4-namer chase at Notington (2m, good).

NORTHERN SONAN SONG 182 3rd of 4 to Selection: NORTHERN SADDLER

SETTING: 2-1 Printip 5 Woody, 9-2 Cutdly Date, 5-1 King Credo, Bishops Island, 6-1 Rion Up The Fleg, 10-Y Vorkchen Gale, Tug Of Peace, 12-1 others.

1995. CUDDY DALE 12-10-2 M A Fitzgesald (7-1) M Handerson B Rio -

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FORM FOCUS

2.35 STAG HAMPICAP CHASE (£7,068: 3m 110yd) (9 numers)

2.00 SCHERREL HANDICAP CHASE (E4,554: 2m) (5 runners)

FORM POCUS

1.30 CELLY GR.FORD NATIONAL HUNT MOVICES HURDLE (£3,550: 2m 110yd) (15 namers)

3.45 Dark Honey

day to supervise Airiffa's debut over hurdles. In the end it was all to no avail. A sharp frost forced the abandonment of Sandown's card and Alriffa, who holds the Champion Hurdie engagement, now joins his stablemate, Right Win, in a raid on Wincanton next week.

both horses and we will sit down to firm up our Cheitenham plans after that." Hannon said. "My vet was not happy with Right Win's blood count two weeks ago. The horse had a few days off and seems fine now. He'll be blood-tested again on Monday "Graham McCourt will ride with a view to taking on

made for the two hurdles in

the straight to be transferred

Sandown fixture was called

off because of heavy frost,

prospects for today's meeting

are reported to be much

brighter. An inspection is

Although yesterday's

to the Flat course.

planned for 7.30am.

# Newcastle goes ahead

NEWCASTLE'S Eider Chase meeting tomorrow was given the go-ahead yesterday, even though part of the track was found to be unfit.

Stewards yesterday found that boggy patches in the straight had made the hurdle course unsatisfactory. However arrangements have been

Alderbrook and Atours. That should tell us where we stand with him." Alriffa, for his part, squares up to less-exalted company in the Mere Maiden Hurdle over two miles.

It is looking increasingly unlikely that Montelado, the horse with legs of glass, will make it to post for the Champion Hurdle. The Pat Flynntrained gelding has suffered a recurrence of the tendon injury that has plagued his career. Although Flynn opted to

reserve judgment at this stage, his words yesterday hardly struck a chord of optimism "I'm a man who likes to live in hope," he ventured. "My vet is due in to look at the horse on Monday, when we will make a final decision about the Cheltenham Festivai."

# 3.10 PHILIP BARNARD MEMORIAL CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE (23,388: 2m 6f) (15 runners) Towcester

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P Country (7)

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272102 DANSER BABY 30 (7.8) (M Lone) B Person 9-10-7 

M Kally (8)

80-4359 PARTON GRAPPER D SE (F) (M Rechaeler) D Wilsons 6-10-3 

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1985: JADICH 7-10-9 D Saller (8-1) C Wildram 9 ran FORM FOCUS

LANSDOWNE build his Playfull (if in 17-tenner learning hunde at Wincaman (bin 64, good to suff) with ACE PLAYER (1200 build still 120 febr. EVER 500, in 18-tenner handlarge hunde at Wincaming (2m EL good to farm) on securificate cast. High CANC facet SAI 4th of 16 to Angelos Decisio in hundred hunde at Winners (2m 61 10yd, coff), DANSER. Not 16 to Cambo in hundred hunde at Winners (2m 61 10yd, coff), DANSER. Not 16 to Cambo in hundred hunde at Winners (2m 61 10yd, coff), DANSER.

3.45 BADGER MOVICES CRASE (\$4,483: 2m 4l) (9 runners) \$1. 25/1929 DARK HONEY 34 (CD.S.5) (R Super) 8 Dom 11-11-10 R Dumeroody 11 109-195 FALMOUTH BAY 34 (C.S.5) (R Super) 8 Dom 11-11-10 G Bradley 87 109-195 FALMOUTH BAY 34 (C.S.5) (I Morton) 8 Sterenood 7-11-10 G Bradley 87 109 CB FALMOUTH BAY 34 (C.S.5) (I Morton) 8 Demonstration 9 CH Super 11-10 G Bradley 9 CH Super 11-10-10 G Bradley 9 CH Super 11-10 G Bradley 9 CH Super 11-10-10 G Bradley 9 CH Super 11-10 G Bradley 9 CH S

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4.15 CAT & MOUSE CLAIMING HURDLE (\$2,884: 2m 110yd) (11 numers) BETTING: 4-1 Ready To Draw; 9-2 Khelift, 5-7 Cabookon, 8-1 Pergellul, Hawiberne Glico, Robins Pricts. 18-1 Pauli's Boy; 12-1 cliests.

1995: LEAVENWORTH 11-10-5 A P McCoy (7-2) Mas J Reser 9 mm FORM FOCUS

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4.50 sandown standard open national hunt flat race (\$2,304:  $2\pi$  110yd) (22 namers)

RETIDIO: 4-1 Huniciae Largo, 5-1 Acide Fusilia. Johann-K, 7-1 Ashmead Rembler, 8-1 Gapty Gest. Computerald Lady. 10-1 Beacon Flyin, 12-1 others.

1986: SUPPREME GENOTIN 6-41-3 T Grandson (5-2) J Old 18 ran FORM FOCUS

GRSV GEOF 1894-681-of 21 to Colonel Rizze in testional Hund Flat sace at Receptor (2m. good).
MYSTIC MARICH 311 9th of 27 to Sommits Use Flat in Receptor in National Hund Flat race at Newtypy in National Hund Flat race at Newtypy perulphrate start. SRF UARTE-EZMI 68h of 10-to 1 No selection.

# WESTERDAY'S

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2, Med Day Cheser (5-1); 3, River Bay (6-1)
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3-1 fav); 2, Indian Tracker (7-1); 3, Rhydmin
And Blues (10-1) 14 ran 12; 3) D Nicholson
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Placepot: 25.80. Quadpot: 58.50. Taunton

Going: standard

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405 66) 1. Newington Butts (S Senders 10-1), 2. Sharp imp (11-4 kay); 3. The installed Boy (6-1), 10 ten 34, sh half K McAufate, Toler 27 90; 21.50, 21.10, 23.40, DF 231 00. The 253 60 CSF 238 56, Theast 27/5 00.

4.35 (1m 55) 1. Claque (Miss R Clark, 8-1); 2. Adar (13-2), 3, Don't Drop Bombs (9-2) from N Gold 100-50 (9-16w, 10-16), (23 60; 23.30 DF 228 40 Titler 242.30 CSF 23.38 DF 228 40 Titler 242.30 CSF 23.38 Placeport 215.50.

Quadqot: \$7.00.

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1.40 (2m 11 hole) 1. Chai-Yo (G Upton, 9-4 tau), 2. kossab (6-1), 3. Cracking Prespect (12-1), 14 ran 3. 14 J Old 10to: \$2.40; £1 50, £2.20, £2.50 DF £16.90, Ther £81.90 CSF, £16.90

2.51 5(2m 11 hole) 1. Touch Shver (M Booley, 5-1 5(4), 2. Murster's Mactern (6-1), 3. Mutausa (25-1), 4. Celchas (14-1) 16 ran 134, 334 H Manners Tote, £5.90; £2.20, £2.20 DF £17.70 Tro-£233.40 (part won poor of £197.32 careful forward to 3.10 Sandown today) CSF UD GC 10taser (1900) CSF UD GC 10taser (1900) CSF UD GC 10taser (100) CSF UD GC 10taser (10

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4.30 (2m 3f 110yd hotie) 1, Star Mariest (C Mesurie, 7-1), 2, Living Syes (6-1); 3, Ho-Joe (10-1) Monstack 9-2 Ser 12 car, NR, Teen
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N Charces Toter 13-50; 51-40, E1 70, C3-10
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# 3.25 ST SEDREE'S CENTRE MAIDEN HURDLE

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5 IGNES CAY 10SF T Catomet 5-11-3
6 HITE HIMALD 36 X 2016; 7-11-3
7 646 SCOTTICH BANKE 28 F Weber 2-11-3
8 CC00 WEFFER 25 W Barractor 7-11-3
9 ACCIO MACHINE GIRL, 36 D Shemison 5-10-12
10 04-0 DIABLENG GIRL, 36 D Shemison 5-10-12
11 36 FARRES FARRWELL 38 S Channel 10-12; 4-12 04-12 GERT 10 SPC 10-12 N Text then 10-12. G Tormey (3) (3) 13 OPS AMBIDENTROUS OF E Alson 4:10-7 5-2 Dunen Ci Scotten 3-1 Errem Role 4-1 Archy blad 6-1 Charmang Bal, 8-1 Weshaby 18-1 Scotten Berzel 12-1 Fames Farewell 14-1 other:

# 3.55 ST GEORGE'S CENTRE MAIDEN HURDLE (DIV II: £1,792 2m) (16)

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# 4.30 DINNITAL CENTILE HOVICES CHASE

2-5 Cell It A Day 6-1 Bells Life 8-1 Starming Run 10-1 Bell Statiboy, 12-Cantono, 14-1 Liú Acid Louid 25-1 Lipis Alous

# 5.00 coombs wood standard open national hunt flat bace (\$1.460 2m) (16)

AN HALZE (27, 450 2m) (16)

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DARK DRICHARD UN; N° FARTO 5-11-4

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SYMPHONY'S SON D N°CHOLON 5-11-4

CAVALIER PRINCESS E ARION 5-70-13

CELTIC LADY Mitt N Macadety 5-10-13

HOMEYSUCALE LL T Bull 6-18-13

MODRI NALL LADY N BURL 6-10-13

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# FAKENHAM

UTTOXETER

1.45 Debutante Days, 2.20 PILKINGTON (nap), 2.50 Lets Rumble, 3.25 Queen Of Spades, 3.55 Bcb's Ploy, 4.30 Bell Staffboy, 5.00 French Holly, Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.55 ROLFE.

1.45 HEARTLANDS CENTRAL JUVENILE HOVICES

3-1 Departure Days, 7-2 (pag The Stats, 4-1 in Good Faith, 5-1 Daily Styr, 6-1 Departure: 3-1 Feb Temer, 19-1 Remailists, Constant, 12-1 others

2.20 CANNOCK TOWN CENTRE HOVICES HURDLE

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5-2 Cetto Your 13-1 Lats Romble, 4-1 Highs Way 5-1 Soviel Hill 6-1 Donyam Colleague, 8-1 Do Be Have 13-1 San Souga

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRANSFRS: C Mices, 5 empress from 14 morres, 35.7%, 14 Templone, 6 from 19, 31.6%, 14 Page, 43 from 145, 29.7%; D Sterwood, 16 from 54, 29.6%; S Steroletiner, 5 from 18, 27.6%, h. Balley, 34 from 67, 27.6%

JDCXEYS: à Yorney, 8 wmmer; horn 24 noies; 33 3%, 6 Bootley, 8 from 36 21.1%; A \$ Sando, 5 from 25, 20.9%, 6 McContt, 10 from 55, 18.2%, A Maguere, 20 from 119, 18.8%, J A McContty, 3 from 19, 15.6%

2.50 FESTIVAL HEIGHTS HOVICES CHASE

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES)

HURDLE (\$2,453 2m) (15 numers)

THUNDERER

THUNDERER 2.15 Master Murphy. 2.45 Zambezi Spirit. 3.20 Trali Bosa. 3.50 Church Law. 4.25 Sheer Jest. 4.55 Carl Every: 4.25 Shorr Jost.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO SOFT IN PLACES)

2.15 SHERINBHAM SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,714: 2m) (15 runners)

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6 -8PP BLACK ARROW 30 (S) D 0'Eten 9-10-10... G. Hogan
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8 100 MLDDOWN BOY 44 (F) N Church 2-10-10... D. Leaby
9 20P PIGHTING TROUT 27 (G) Miss A Embercos 9-10-5 J. Ryank

# 4.25 WALTER WALES MEMORIAL CUP HUNTERS CHASE (Amateurs: £2,559: 2m 5f 110yd) (9)

1 27-1 SHEER JEST 33P (D.F.6.5) W Warner 11-12-6 A H 247- OUNCAN 272 (D.F.6.5) Mess C Samedins 11-11-10 B Potice 3 R31- SING SAR 283P (R) IN Provinct 7-11-10 A Sansor 4 10- FARRHSD 289 (C.S) F Farres 11-11-10 C Warner 5 SP-3 CPPSY Kind 33P N Winghiston 8-11-10 A CO PART JACK 33P N Winghiston 8-11-10 C A CO PART JACK 33P (OLD FL.5) F Jonasco 10-11-10 S Anthron 5 Jack 34P Jack 34P

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11 58-5 WEATHER ALERT 251 (B) k Horgen 5-10-10 E Catagina (5)
12 -587 KELLY MAC 39 (CD.S) D O Bren 6-10-9. B Dowy
13 0476 FERENS HALL 44 M Roberts 9-10-0 P McLoughila 4-1 Katil Row, 9-2 Manclete, 6-1 by Edgh Kally Max, 7-1 Nocatchiot, 8-1 Section, 18-1 Weather Alert, 14-1 pitters.

# COURSE SPECIALISTS TRAINERS: Mesc C Saunders, 6 senners from 8 runners, 100%, D Sandolfo 4 from 5, 80 0% O Sterwood, 4 from 7, 57 1%, J Upson, 3 from 7, 42.9%, D Brenner, 9 from 27, 33 3%, E Bravery, 4 from 12, 33 3%. JOCKEYS: M Brannert. 9 wayvers from 36 rides, 25 0%; R Ferrant, 3 from 17, 17 6%, J Phys., 4 from 34, 11 8%, No other qualifiers.

Blinkered first time Sandown Paric 3 10 Dominie Southwell: 1 50 Diasalina

THUNDERER 1.50 Dirab. 2.25 Mooncusser. 2.55 Kira. 3.30 Upper Mount Clair. 4.05 Pharty Dancer. 4.35 Cashmere Lady.
Our Newmarket Correspondent:
3.30 UPPER MOUNT CLAIR (nap). 4.35 Tatike.

GOING: STANDARD DRAW: 6F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST

1.50 GIRTON HANDICAP (3-Y-0: \$2,398. 1m 3f) (12 runners) 

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TRAMERS: K McAubile, 5 venines from 19 runners, 26.3%, M Ryan, 19 from 83, 22.9%, M Johnston, 33 from 178, 18.5% N A Garban, 4 from 22, 18.2%; M Camacho, 16 from 97, 16.5%, G Wrigg, 3 from 19, 15.8%, J CKEYS: J Weaver, 42 winners from 223 rides, 18.8%; T lves, 22 from 123, 17.9%; F Lynch, 6 from 97, 16.2%; R Cochrane, 25 from 164, 15.2%. J Fortune, 19 from 128, 14.8%, R Lappin, 7 from 48, 14.8%.

☐ General Rusty was well backed for the Sun Alliance Chase with Ladbrokes yesterday and was cut from 20-1 to 14-1. Yesterday's Towcester winner Billygoat Gruff is 20-1 from 14-1.

# 2.55 KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD HANDICAP

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1 850- JOHNNE THE JOKER 77 (50,5,6) J Leigh 5-10-0
P Roberts (6) 10
2 00-0 NORDAN RANDER 32 (50,5,0,5) M Carmistro 5-9-13
B Contract 7 3 6-50 LEIGH CROFTER 18 (8,D,F.G,S) J A Hans 7-9-11 4 000- ALLINSON'S MATE 132 (8,00.F.G) † Berron 8-9-5

5 -211 XRA 9 (CD,6) J For 6-9-4 (7s) . J Fortune 5 8 Lappin 6 8 -251 PRST MATE 7 (B,CD,6) S Bowley 3-9-1 (7s) C Teague (5) 9 7 5120 DAAWE 4 (V,CD,6,5) Nov 4 conley 5-9-1 . M Deerstig 2 5 55-5 EFRORCY 4 (D,6) A Jam's 5-9-6 . J Tazz 1 9 0016 BOLD ARSTOCRAT 8 (CD,6) R Healthrohead 5-8-4 5 June 6 73 8 F Lynch (T) 8
10 -311 SEBIONG DESTINY 14 (CD,G) M Chapman 3-7-10 P Fessoy (5) 3 3-1 Kirol, 4-1 First Maale, 5-1 Seeling, Desbry, 6-1 Dazwe, 8-1 Bold Austocracy Bilicary, 10-1 Leigh Crotier, Affinson's Male, 12-1 others.

# 3.30 LAXTON HANDICAP (£2,886: 2m) (10)

5 5/31 BADAWI 18 (CD,F,G) N Bebiage 6-8-10 ... J Quinn 3
6 7/31 ALCAN BLUE 24J (F) M Herringon 5-9-8 ... DOUBTER 9
7 -331 RECORD LOVER 11 (CD,G) M Chapman 5-8-4 (-ex)
8 0-03 SWORDIQING 7 (F,G,S) J L Herrs; 7-7-12 ... N Cartisle 4
9 -000 SAMAMA CAY 11 (6/3) P Felgale 47-17 ... No Wands (7) 7
10 30/2 BAHER 7 (N th. 5 Swinban 17-7-10 ... G Bardwelf 8
5-2 Upper Mount Clay 7-2 Barbari 5-1 Record Lover, 6-1 Baher 8-1 Yougo, 10-1
Saumsking, 12-1 Douca Masson 14-7 others

### 4.05 MAPLEBECK SELLING STAKES ---(£2,085: 1m 4l) (8)

6-4 Pfterly Dancer, 3-1 El Nido, 4-1 Hawsam, 5-1 Greenwich Again, 12-1 others

### 4.35 LADBROKE ALL-WEATHER CHALLENGE SERIES FINAL (Handicap: £4,026: 1m) (6)

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1 11-2 CASHMERE LADY 28 (D.BF.G) J Eyre 4-10-0 R Lappin 3
2 35-1 TATIKA 14 (CD.6) 6 Wrong 6-3-13.... 6 Million (7) 4
3 1122 KINSCHP 80V 6 (V.CD.BF.F.G) M Ryan 7-9-4 T hos 6
4 1114 CHRIA CASTLE 17 (C.D.6) P Haskam 3-8-9 J Fortune 1
5 3-20 MISLEMANI 6 (G) A Newtontho 6-8-6 D R McCabe (7) 2
6 00-6 PALACEGATE 30 35 (C.D.6,5) 10 Chapman 5-8-2
P Fessey (5) 5

9-4 fabito, 5-2 kingerig Boy 3-1 Cashmere Lady 5-1 China Caslie, 12-1 Mediamanu 16-1 Palocegate Jo

RACELÎNE

TRAINERS: A Turnell, 7 winners from 18 rurners, 38.9%; P. Nigholls, 6 from 18, 37.5%; D. Nicholsch, 29 from 18, 35.5%; D. Nicholsch, 29 from 18, 37.5%; D. Nicholsch, 29 from 18, 35.5%; D. Nicholsch, 20 from 18, 35.5%; D. Nicholsch, 20 from 18, 35.5%; D. Nicholsch, 20 from 18, 35.5%; D. Nicholsch, 42 SPORT / RADIO

Ireland stand-off half steps up to make his debut at Parc des Princes

# Humphreys aims to graduate with honours in France

By David Hands, Rugby correspondent

THAT David Humphreys will play international rugby for surprise to those who have followed the young stand-off half's career from its inception. That the breakthrough should have been this season was less obvious since he had moved away from his roots in Belfast to the comparative obscurity of Oxford Univerbut on the collective quality of This is not to say that his colleagues.

Oxford is obscure but no Irish selector was likely to appear at Iffley Road last term as the university prepared for the big December day at Twicken ham. Yet Humphreys' individual display in a losing cause against Cambridge began the wave that has carried him to his first cap, against France at the Parc des Princes this

Destiny tricks. Seven years ago that legend of Irish rugby. Mike Gibson, watched — as he was wont to do and still does - his old school, Campbell College, against Ballymena Academy and was full of admiration for the decision-making of the academy's stand-off. "Nearly every time," Gibson said, "he did what I would have done."

Now Humphreys, 24, is a pupil solicitor with Tughan and Co, the Belfast legal firm in which Gibson is a senior partner, and poised to make his bow in the five nations' championship in the position Gibson occupied on 25 occasions. All Ireland will hope he can display the same maturity in a position which is something of a poisoned chalice. Since Paul Dean's career ended in 1989, eight players have worn the No IO shirt as the -selectors search for the next Ollie Campbell. Tony Ward,

Gibson or Jackie Kyle. Clive Woodward, Humphreys' coach at London Irish,

former England centre, said. It says something about his approach to the game that, when asked to debate the strengths of his game, Hum-phreys offers the belief that he should bring the best out of his back division. No stress on individual skills, the tactical direction and dazzling little runs he brings to the game,

Humphreys grew up the oldest of five children in the village of Broughshane, just outside Ballymena, and



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played football until his departure for Ballymena Academy where rugby was the traditional game and where the great Willie-John McBride studied. His greatest encouragement came from his father. George, who has watched all but a handful of his games. The family will be divided at the weekend, however, since Karen, his sister - ahead in caps having played hockey 18 times for her country - is appearing for Ulster.

David's first appearance for Ulster, in 1992, came while he was studying law at Queen's University, Belfast, and hinted strongly at an equable sporting temperament: Thomond Park, Limerick, is no place for faint hearts and Humphreys came on as a replacement when Munster led 11-3 and

"He's a gem." Woodward, the Ulster, perennial provincial champions, were fading.

Two penalty goals and a dropped goal by the 5ft 9in youngster won the match and A caps followed against Wales - when he scored 19 points in an astounding 29-28 win at Newport - and England. He toured southern Africa in 1993,

"It was a combination of circumstances," Humphreys said, "I finished at university, I started work and I played for Ballymena where the style was totally different from Queen's, Although that was division-four rugby, it was a good, open game, whereas in club rugby we had a much stronger pack and there was always the fear of dropping vital league points."
Ireland had discovered Eric

Elwood and two other young players, Paul Burke and Alan McGowan, were on the horizon. Humphreys left home for Oxford where he is on a oneyear special diploma course in social studies at St Cross College: "Oxford has been the springboard for this year," he said. "It's the first time I have been properly fit, playing or training every day.

"I was taking a risk but I knew there would be different players from different countries and a different style. When I arrived, international ambitions were a long way off and all I wanted to do was to fit into the university side and get a blue. Because the University match [in which Humphreys scored all Oxford's 19 points) went well, the gamble

it earned him a place in the A international against Scotland last month but the clinching appearance was on January 31. The Irish selectors flocked to Ravenhill to see Ulster play New South Wales and within five minutes, because that will help prepare Humphreys had scored a me for Paris." Humphreys,



Ireland hope Humphreys can follow in the footsteps of Kyle, Campbell and Gibson

brilliant solo try reminiscent. for older spectators, of the great Kyle. Humphreys has no doubts that the 40-33 win represented the best rugby the province has played during

I'm delighted to have played at Twickenham in front of such a big crowd

who will be Ireland's firstchoice goalkicker tomorrow, said. "But I take each game on its merits and I really enjoy the big occasions. Murray Kidd [the Ireland coach] has told us to go out and attack the French, rather than opt for a policy of containment, and

that has always been my aim. "I think I have been selected to use the outstanding backs

that we have, who are as good as any others around." Ireland have not performed well in Paris since 1980, but maybe. Humphreys can be the cata-🗖 Simon Geoghegan failed a

fitness test on his troubled hamstring yesterday. His place on the right wing for Ireland goes to Richard Wal-lace, of Garryowen.

# All-American nidmini midnight feast\*

An American in London. Radio 3, midnight

To be pedantic, John McGlinn's series is not about one American in: To be pedantic, John McGlinn's series is not about one American in London but four, all of them top-drawer unesmiths. McGlinn devotes parts one and two to Jerome Kern, dividing parts three and four between Gershwin, Cole Porter and Richard Rodgers. The focus throughout is on the shows the Famous Four composed initially for the London stage. Subsequently they went to Broadway, considerably amended. Tonight's late-night (too late, surely) feast features Kern's The Cabaret Girl and Blue Eyes. P.G. Wodehouse wrote the lyrics for The Cabaret Girl. Characteristic of his showbiz unorthodoxy was the couplet. "I see my roses have been nibbled by unorthodoxy was the couplet. "I see my roses have been nibbled by greently and I'd/suggest you go and mix some arsenic or cyanide."

Lunchtime Concerto. Classic FM, 2.00pm.

Here is a poser I offer gratis to any compiler of music quiz questions who may be desperate for one which Beethoven second movement opens with the first six notes of Danny Boy? You can hear the answer this afternoon. It is the ardante from the Triple Concerto. Op 56. The soloists are Eugene Istomin, piano, Isaac Stern, violin, and Leonard Rose, cello. Another Eugene, Ormandy, conducts the Philharmonia Orchestra. Unbelievably, the work was cold-shouldered by the audience at its first performance. Nothing to do with Beethoven, though. The soloists just could not agree on whether they were supposed to play as a trio or as three soloists.

Peter Davalle

les l'Anson, incl et 12.30-12.45pm lessbeat and at 1.15 The Net 2.00 Edy Campbell 4.00 Deve Pearce, incl t 5.30-5.45 Newsbaat, 6.15 The Nat ston 1.90em Radio 1 Rap Show

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### TALK RADIO

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### VIRGIN RADIO

# Kenyans could teach England a thing or two ngland's cack-handed include Thomas Odayo, the hell on their outfields in Nairo-performance in the youngest player in the tourns.

Wednesday rightly carned them widespread contempt. "There must be much better pairs of hands in inter-school cricket than this bunch of Englishmen," the Indian Express declared yesterday. In fact there are - and three of them are in the Kenya team who make their debut in the competition on Sunday.

The three schoolboys - who

BBC The Complete Houthly Balde to Classical Husic

performance in the youngest player in the tourna-dield at Ahmedabad on ment at the age of 17 — had to ment at the age of 17 - had to ask for time off from class in order to take part, but they are not in need of lessons in

This Kenya team has incredible reactions," Peter Lever, the former Lancashire bowler and technical mentor of Devon Malcolm, said vesterday. Lever coached Kenya for a month before the tournament. "The ball bobbles like

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COMPOSER OF THE MONTH: MACHAUT

bi. It will jump two or three yards in front of you and hit you on the forearm. But in the four practice games they played against Holland I did

not see them fumble it once. "The less said the better about those four catches England dropped. Three of them should have been swallowed. But England are tired. They needed those seven one-dayers in South Africa like a hole in

# To bat or . . .

Today's match at Hyderabad will be the first of the tournament to be completed under floodlights. But should the winners of the toss elect to bat in daylight or under the lights? Research shows that teams

Simon Wilde's WORLD. **EXTRAS** 

batting first in day-night internationals have a 60 per cent chance of winning, even though it is widely accepted that there is an advantage to knowing what you are chasing in limited-overs cricket. Nine other matches are scheduled as day-night fixtures, including the semi-finals and the final, but do not count on anything: they are still putting up the lights in Bangalore, Madras and Chandigarh.



Brian Lara, the West Indies batsman, knocks out a new

# One-day woes

Why are England so poor at one-day cricket? Too many Test matches, that is why. It has been a long-standing and originally creditable -policy of the Test and County Cricket Board to resist the rest of the world's infatuation with one day matches, but the time may have come for change.

Dennis Amiss, Warwickshire's chief executive, thinks so. "It is only a personal view but I would like to see England play five matches in a one-day series. I think the public would like it. I believe it will not affect our five-day cricket and it provides some of the most exciting cricket you could wish to see," he said.

The TCCB has pushed the boat out by arranging six matches against India and Pakistan this summer but Terry Blake, the board's marketing manager, said yester-day. "We have not gone along with the proliferation of oneday internationals in the past and this year is an exception to our usual policy. Next year we will be back to three matches against Australia."

Since the last World Cup, England have played fewer one-day internationals than all other Test-playing countries except Zimbabwe.

### That's Hall, folks Disregarding fears of terrorist

violence, Zimbabwe are to go ahead with their match in Sri

the moment we are not changing our mind, we are still playing in Sri Lanka," Andy Flower, their captain, said. Wes Hall, the West Indies manager, had some scathing words to say yesterday about people who do not change their minds. "Henry Kissinger said that only an idiot could not change his mind," he said,

before adding: "But as far as

we are concerned the West

indies Board of Control says

Lanka next Wednesday. "At

Nicholas Daniel, oboe.
Strauss Oboe Corneito);
11.05 Françaix (Wind Cluimit:
No 1); Lutosiawski (Five
Dance Preludes); Protoilev
(Symphony No 1 in D.
Classical)
12.00 Composer of the Wesic
"Irving Berlin. Excerpts from
Annie Get Your Gur1.00pm Chamber Music from
Manchanter Music from
Manchanter Music from
Concart Hall, New we are still not going." Poison pens Concert Hall New

Security guards have been on Broadcasting House, Emma Kirkby, soprano, Peter Seymour, lortepiano, C.P.E. their toes in Ahmedabad, where journalists were re-Seymour, fortepiano. C.P.E. Bach (Arm neuen Jahra; Oleses un janes Leben; Empfindungen einer Sommemacht; Tag und Nacht); Mozart (De fir des unermeunichen Weitung Schöpter ehrt); C.P.E. Bach (Fartasia in C); Pinto (Bloise to Abelard); Haydn (Piercing Eyes; The Spirit's Song; O Turneful Voice); Schubert (Durbist die Ruh; Frühlingsglaube; Die Forelie) fused admittance to practice sessions after being categorised as "likely assassins". This may be true, but many of them regard it as an integral part of their jobs.

# Bleak outlook

England will be watching the weather in Peshawar, where they are due to play their banker match against the United Arab Emirates on Sunday, with an anxious eye. There was heavy rain there on Wednesday, which left the outfield sodden, and although the sun shone yesterday morning, the forecast is for more rain. If the annual rainfall charts are anything to go by, the likeliest venues for rain are perhaps Chandigarh and Calcutta - where both semi-

(b) The state of being nowhere. This is a word for which it would on first inspection appear difficult to conceive any practical or indeed impractical use. But no incomprehensible word can be entirely useless. "And in

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4.20 By the Waters of Bebylon.
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Coptic Orthodox church near
Kensington High Street (7/9)

4.30 Lost Musicians of Central

Asia, Uzbek ethno-musicologist Razia Sultanova talis to John Thomiey about the musical and cultural traditions of Bokhara, Tachkent and Samarkand 5.00 The Moule Mechine with

Vivaldi (Vioin Conceno in D):
Puccini (Wedding Night,
Mederne Butterily); Graham
Fitidn (Hard Feiny); Weber
(Konzerstück in Froisor)
8.00 Morning Collection with
Catriona Young, Berlico;
(Overture; Entracte, Béatrion
at Bénédici); Liszt (Venezia e
Napoli, Années de
polierinage); Howells
(Concerto for string orchastra).
10.00 Musical Encounters.
Including Nyman (The Eleanor Alberga (r) 5,15 in Tune, Including Czerny (Variations brillantes); Gesualdo, compl Stravinsky (Tres secres cantiones)
7.30 / Like to Be in Americal live

from the Royal Concert Hall in Glasgow. The first of three concerts from the Festival of American Music and Arts. Kalichstein/Laredo/Robinson Trio, Robin Williams, oboe, with the Scottish Chamber with the Scottish Chamber
Orchestra, under Yoel Luvi.
Nes (The Unanswered
Cluestion); Copland (Quiet
City; Appeachian Spring);
8.20 The Wayward with Bob
Gilmore; 8.40 Barber
(Canzonetta); Ellen Tealle
Zwilich (Triple Concerto)
Torrecta Immosal
Democracy. How the
composer Frank Denyer
draws on musical traditions
from around the world

9.56 Hear and Now. Robert Ziegler in conversation with Tan Dun 12.00-1.00am An American In London, See Choice

5.53em Shipping Forecast (LW only) 6.00 News Briefing, incl weather 6.10 Ferming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today, incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 6.55, 7.55 Weather 7.25; 8.25 Sport 7.45 Thought for the Day 8.40 Yesterday in Parliament 1.55 Weather 9.00 Desert Internet 1.55 Weather (1.55 Weather 9.00 Desert Internet 1.55 Weather 9.00 Desert 1. Government inspector at the West Yorkshire Playhouse
4.45 Short Story; Just
Depending by Jerny Bost
Read by Thora Hird (r)
8.00 PM with Jon Sopel and
Jackte Handgrave 5.50
Shipping 5.55 Weather
6.30 Going Places with David
Stafford
7.00 News 7.00 The Actual Stafford
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Pick of the Week, with
Christopher Serie
8.05 Any Questions? Jonathan
Dimbleby chairs a topical
discussion at the University of
Salford. On the name are

Cateb by Helen Fielding, abridged by Jane Marshall. Read by Jannifer Ente (7/12) 11.30 The Natural History

Programme
12.00 News; You and Yours
12.25pm The Food Programme.
Derek Cooper takes a look at food regulations 12.55 Weather 1.00 The World at Orie, with Nick

1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Classic Seriel: His
Masterpiece by Emile Zola
(1/2) (r)
3.00 News; The Afterpoon Shift
with Leurie Taylor
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope.

Tim Marlow reassess the work of the Victorian artist Lord Leighton Plus a review of The

Salford. On the panel are Mike Heath, director general of the Engineering Councit; Simon Helter of the Daily Mail; sentironmentalist Sir Jorathon Pornit; and Baroness Shirley Williams, Liberal Democrat peer 8.50 Law in Action with Marcel Berlins
9.15 Letter from America by
Alistat Cooke
9.30 Kaleldoscope Feature. The Success story of the television series Star Trek (r) 9.59
Weather Weather 10.00 The World Tonight 19.45 Book at Bedtener The Ghost Horse of Genghis Kahn by Russell Hoben. Kathn by Rusself-Hoben.
Read by David Horovitch
11.00 Week Ending. News satire
with Selly Grace, Jeffrey
Holland and Toby Longworth
11.25 Fourth Column
11.45 Today in Parliament
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by Salman Rushdie, Read by
Sam Destor (3/3)
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bat in anticipation of a long knock against Zimbabwe today finals will be staged. SNOW REPORTS (5pm) Liss. AUTO-DA-FE Conditions Runs (2) (c) The burning of a heretic, as ordered by the Inquisition. Literally in Spanish an act of faith. Originally the term applied to the caremony EXCLUSIVE NEW RELEASE spanish an act of tails. Originally the term appared to the cerestoric accompanying the pronouncement of judgment by the ecclesiastical authorities, after which the victim was handed over to the secular authorities for actual ignition. Gradually the horrid burning came to be referred to as the auto-da-fe itself. Now that the auto-da-fe has been ALISTRIA 0 20 fair varied closed cloud -1 14/2 (Stubal glacier in aucellent shape with new snow) 30 55 good powder fair sun ·3 15/2 (Good piste skiing on fresh snow all lifts open) DAME JANET Saalbach replaced, as an instrument for maintaining the Roman Catholic Church, by the equally incendiary Vatican television and internet bureau, the nearest thing to the auto-da-fé occurs at barbecues. The host performs an FRANCE BAKER CD 110 220 good povider good (Faultiess six conditions, resort busy) act of immolation. The act of faith is on the part of the guests. 170 210 good varied good si (Fabulous skiing conditions: britiant sunshme) Avonaz NULLIBIETY (Fabulous skiing congitions: present appears on -12 70 140 good powder good sun -12 (Excellent skiing on packed powder all links open) This historic 1971 Aldeburgh recital La Tania Vai Thorens with Raymond Leppard is ONLY available 20 200 "good powder good 'I (Great skiing on powdery snow na queues) conclusion. James, on behalf of all your old colleagues here, may I heartily wish you an unimpaired nullibiety." with BBC Music Magazine March issue l00 300 good powder good sun lenfect snow and weather conditions: great sking) ENCHIRIDON (c) A posh Greek word for a handbook, from something that can be held in the hand. "I admire your new car a lot, Mary Ann. But if I were you, I should pay close attention to the enchiridon."

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55 180 good powder good lair -6 15/2 SWITZERLAND DON'T MISS IT OUT NOW £3.95 Grindelwald (c) Like an earthworm, by, with, to, from or pertaining to an earthworm. "I respect your ambitions as a body-builder, Stewart. But as a lover, you are just too lumbricoid. **Klosters** SUBSCRIPTION HOTLINE 01483 733719

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Source: Ski Club of Great Britain, L. - lower slopes; U. - upper, art - artificial.



# Mismatched music guilty of sonic insecticide

dinarily intrusive music in last night's new insect series Alien Empire (BBCI). Scripts were mixed up in the post, that's all. The script received by composer Mar- Empire is absorbingly interesting. tin Kiszko was a mixed-genre space-age western three-hanky iob, and he slaved away in isolation under a complete misapprehension until - too late! - the mistake was discovered. "What shall we do?" panicked the Natural History Unit, buzzing like flies. and flapping the score with invisi-ble speed, like a bee's wing. "Just put it in the programme. Joe Public

won't notice a thing!"
And so they persuaded themselves, and finally forgot there was ever a problem. They sat in viewing rooms, watching the sequence where the luminescence of the install basels was disclared. the jewel beetle was displayed against music headed "Boy Confederate Soldier Returns on

Crutches across Corn Field to the an obscure salmon-type fish called told themselves, "It's all right. Actually, it's quite all right." But it wasn't. Whereas every-

everything on the soundtrack is awful. The script is delivered by John Shrapnel at his most bass and serious, and it has a habit of likening insects to machines which is stritating and reductive. ("The brain of a bee," intones Shrapnel, "a masterpiece of micro circuitry.") And then, just when you think you can watch some insects doing insect-y things, cinematic melody floods in like syrup, as the string section of the Munich Symphony Orchestra (nothing less) turns the page to find, "Mary Brings Teddy to have his Knee Kissed Better". Perhaps Ceefax is the answer. though I have been wary of using subtitles ever since watching the

damage done to a Horizon about

explanation for the extraor. Shack of his Now-Blind Ma", and '(I think) a "eulocanth", when the Cectax operator assumed the word was "hooligan", which is not the But it wasn't. Whereas every-same. I will never forget the thing on the screen in Alien surreal image. The hooligan. desperate to reach its mating ground, now leaps upstream." I therefore hesitate to recommend this course. But the histrionics in Alien Empire are turned up too loud. Watching Ceefax with the sound off may be the only way of reducing the impact.

till, Alien Empire was pretty unsending for good reasons as well as bad, insects have lived on this planet for 400 million years; they regard the human race as fly-by-nights. And when you start to look at their biology, they are seriously weird and otherworldly: they need oxygen but don't have lungs; they have teensy brains yet they process images at phenomenal speeds. To a house-

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Lynne Truss

fly, television pictures are not continuous but a succession of individual lines travelling upscreen. To such a quick-thinking insect, therefore, the job of tele-vision critic would be irksome and it would pronounce all programmes too slow. Next time you see a fly buzzing framically against an open window, it will be worth remembering all this.

After such a jolt to one's percep-

help that BBC2's Three Colours Cézanne was concerned with the early part of the painter's career, when he, likewise, seemed to be visiting from another world. True, Cezanne was up from the country but that was the least of his handicaps: his early work, when not concentrating on nude ugly violence, was still mainly violent or contained nudes. Cezanne had a fierce touch raboo, an authoritarian father, and a penchant for Wagner. He thought once of murdering his family, but luckily remembered (just in time) that

they were useful to him, as sitters. Three Colours Cezanne divides his work chronologically into pink, green and blue: an ingenious and simple basis for the series, Last night's film was literate and informative, although occasionally fell into the trap of many art pro-grammes: a critic describes a

tions, ordinary programmes detail in a picture, and his words looked peculiar too. And it didn't are immediately contradicted by the picture itself. Last night it was Cézanne's The Rape, in which the female figure was described as "this poor woman, screaming". Upon which a close-up silently revealed she was limp and comatose, with hardly a mouth at ali.

> Tinally, Channel 4's Food File has a campaign for us all to join. It's called "Adopt a Veg and if it sounds nuts to you, it certainly sounded nuts to me. Evidently there is "havoc" in the vegetable kingdom, these days; varieties of veg are disappearing fast, and the only way to conserve them is to send urgent money to the Henry Doubleday Research Association, where seeds are preserved in an archive. "Stop the Vegetable Massacre!" is the rallying call. The champions are Nigel Slater (cookery writer) and Thelma Barlow from Coronation Street.

whether to laugh or cry. I mean, can't they see where all

this will lead? Once vegetables are understood to be a persecuted minority, insanity prevails. People caught using the innocent expression "small potatoes" are hauled up for veg-ism. When Bogart, in Casablanca, makes that speech about the hill of beans, audiences tut-tut and suck their teeth, making no allowance for the primitive veg attitudes prevailing in wartime. Sensitive types flock to buy copies of The Lady of Shalott, but are horribly disappointed when it turns out to centre on a madwoman with a mirror. Word gets round: Alfred Lord Tennyson does not know his onions.

Meanwhile, it was not explained what happens when you adopt a veg, Perhaps you get a photograph. But it seems unlikely that it writes to you from time to time, to tell you how it's getting on.

6.00am Business Breakfast (21784) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (Ceefax) (52055) 9.00 Breakfast News Extra (Cesfax) (4983887) 9.20 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (s) (3084822) 9.45 Kiroy (s) (7392826) 10.30 Good Morning (s)

@ 12.00 Nevra (Cestax) and weather (6851603) 12.05pm Turnabout (8) (9239871 12.30 Going for a Song (a) (48351) 1.00 One: O'Clock News (Caefax) and

weather (55142) 1.30 Regional News (77379968) 1.40 Neighbours (Cee(ax) (a) (34157055) 2.00 Pebble Mill (a) (950806) 2.40 Moon over Milami (Cee(ax) (a) (4708581)

3.30 The Littlest Pet Shop (b) (5816974) 3.50 Look Sharp! (s) (1.160/84) 4.05 The All New Popeys Show (r) (2367500) 4.15 Julia Jelcyll and Harriet Hyde (Ceefex) (a) (5306413) 4.30 The Mask (Ceefex) (a) (\$317559) 4.55 Howsround Edite: The Children of Chernobyl (Ceefax) (1884245) 5.10 Blue Peter (Ceefax) (s) (1456142)

5.35 Neighbours (r) (Ceafex) (a) (547448) 6.00 Six O'Clock News (Coefax) and we

6.30 Regional news magazines (887)

7.00 Gag Tag. Bob Monkhouse hosts the cape for stand-up comics (Cestate (e) (965).

7.30 Tomorrow's World, includes a lock at the pioneering facility which the horseling facility which the protective infle-pione with a protective infle-pione vester plus a new technique. for speaking proviously hoperable tumours with a powernesty, light beam (Cestate (e) (e) (671).

8.00 Just Cood Fries (Figure 190 190 190) make a supplied announcement (f) (Cestate (e) (5)).

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(9.30 into the Fire The conclusion of Total Merchanifa stery: Michael Fight has resigned from his job out he has not given up his quest for justice; and Lyn learns of Frank's come. (Castex) (s): (60051) N.L. 9.30 PK Toright 10.20 into the Fire 11.20 FILM: The Fly 12.85-2.05mm FILM: It Conquered the World (1958)

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10.30 FILM: The Fly (1986) starring Jeff Golbum and Geens Davis David Cronenberg's repulsively entertaining remake of the cust 1950s homor movie. scientist obessesed with teleportation takes part in one of his own experiments takes part in one of his own experiments with dire consequences (Ceclex) (s) (23246784) WALES: 10.30 All Out Li 11.20 FILM: The Fly 12.55-2.20am FILM:

Twins of Evil 12.05 FILM: Twins of Evil (1971) starring Peter Cushing and Madeleine and Mary Coilinson Identical twin orphans move in with their witch-hunting uncle, who lives in the shadow of a sinister castle where, legend has it, vampires dwell. Directed by John Hough (6845814)

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1.30em Weather (6108659)

# BBC2

6.00am Open University: Biology - Body Plans (2874245) 6.25 What is Music? (2780852) 6.50 Panel Painting (5988806). 7.15 See Hear Breakfast News (Ceetax and signing) (s) (3295974) 7.30 Stingrey (r) (45448) 8.00 F.O.T. (r) (s) (13535) 8.30 Johnson and Friends (r) (s) (+105158)

8.40 The Record (9193087) 9.05 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes. Plus, for children, 10.00-10.25 Playdays (5255852)

2.00 Johnson and Friends (r) (s) (36365784) 2.10 Open View (10739055) 2.15 Sport on Friday. The World Indoor Bowle championship and the World Skiling championships (233245) 3.55 News (Ceefax) and weather (1859887)

4.00 Today's the Day. History quiz (a) (500) 4.30 World Indoor Bowle (13719) 6.09 The Munsters (b/w). Classic gliculish humour, (Ceslax) (447239)

8.25 The New Avengers: Obsession. After joining Stead in a security team guarding a delegation of important Arebs, Purday-le distracted by the entirel of an old items of Company (1997).

(986974) 7.15 Electric Circus. Entertainment magazina (8) (797564) 7.30 Sounds of the Eighties. This week's musical margones are supplied by, among others, 72 Top, U2 and Bruce

Springsteen: (Ceetax) (s) (413) N.L.: 7.30pm Heats and Minds 8.06 Top. Geer Motoraport. Tony Meson reports on the 1996 Deker Relly. (Ceefax) (6) (8351)

Gardeners' World. Gsoff Hamilton and the team return with gardening advice (Castax) (s) (2158)



The First Show, New sever-per cornedy sketch show with Paul Whitehouse (Ceston) (s) (3528) 8.30 Red Dearl VI. Science-Indion/comedy (r) (Ceetax) (s) (31429)

10.00 Flat of Pan. A second series of the cornedy show starting Stewart Lee, Richard Herring, Peter Baynham and Kevin Edon (s) (17351) 10.30 Newsnight (Ceetax) (615177)

11.15 Fantasy Football League. David Baddiel and Frank Skinner are joined by Neil Monissey and Alan Davies (e) (698239) WALES: 11.15 Wales 2006 the Culture (589448) 11.55 Fantasy Football League (799968) 12.25am Seinfeld (5053017) 12.50 The Small of Reeves and Mortimer (7576388) 1.20 Westher (1774088) 1.25-2.25 World Indoor Bowls (8446562)

11.45 The Smell of Reeves and Mortimer. Vic and Bob link cottage cheese and voodoo; and their own Stars in Their Eyes (r) (Ceefax) (s) (680210) 12.15am Weather (7559611)

12.20-1.25 World Indoor Bowls (9308456)

### THE R CHOICE Gardeners' World

BBC2, 8.30pm Many thousands of people visit Vita Sackville-West's Sissinghurst each year but this superb Kent garden has been curiously neglected by the small screen. Gay Search, a presenter of quiet authority, makes amends with a location report. She looks back on the

creation of the garden during the 1930s and talks to Sarah Cook, today's head gardener, about maintaining Sackville-West's legacy in the face of the huge annual invasion from Britain and abroad. After that Nick Wray's attempt to interest us in a garden in suburban Croydon may seem like an anti-climan, though it offers a spectacular display. Binding together this first in the new series of Gardeners' World is the avuncular Geoff Hamilton. The middle of February may not be prime time for jobs in the garden, but trust Geoff to find some.

The Past Show BBC2\_9.00pm

Fast this comedy sketch series certainly is, since no item is on the screen long enough to outstay its welcome and some are little more than one-liners. But there is wit as well as speed. Apart from a gangaser spool called The Unpronounceables, the show eachews the relatively easy option of sending up other people's material and rolls its own. The humour essentially derives from guying a range of familiar types. Those who saw the first series will welcome the return of Janine the stemage mum. Ron the rambling soothall manager and Alf the accident-prone pensioner. But there are many new characters this time. Paul Whitehouse and Charlie Higson dominate the credits; as performers, writers and producers, but Mrs Merton fans can amuse themselves spouling the various guises of Caroline Hook.

Catherine Cooksen's The Girl ITV 9.00mm

Hamsah iplayed by a promising young actress. Slobhan Flynn: is the archetypal Catherine Cookson heroine, born out of wedlock and abandoned by her father, abused and ostracised as a child and forced. into a miserable marriage, But Cookson characters are destined to suffer, if only to demonstrate their resilience. A three-parter by an experienced Cookson adapter, Gordon Hann, the tale is set in Northumberland in the middle of the 19th century. It is both about the imposition of stern Victorian morality and departures from it. Either way, women such as Hannah are the victims. Perhaps that is why Cookson, despite setting her stories in the past, has such a modern ring. Television has again done justice to a writer who combines the hor blood of writer who combines the not blood of melodrama with curining narrative skill.

Roseinne: The Fifties Show Channel 4, 10.00pm

To take a long established sit-com and relocate it, even for one episode, in the 1950s of Roseanns fortunately have both in large measure. The result, shot in appropriate black and white, is a brilliant pastiche of those anodyne middle-class cornedies, set in spotless homes where dutiful wives attended to mollycoddled husbands and teenage rebellion meant no more than trying to star abrasive, wise-cracking Roseanne of the 1990s transforms herself into the 1950s little woman, resigned to a life of cooking and cleaning and never caught without a smile and a pinny. Besides parodying the television comedies of the era the show also sends up its commercials with precision. It even works in a joke about a little black boy even works in a joke : called Colin Powell. Peter Waymark

# MTV

6.00em GMTV (2368516) 9.25 Win, Lose or Draw (s) (3978413) 9.55 London Today (Teletext) (5345429) 10.00 The Time . . , the Place (s) (1596448) 10.35 This Morning (15374055)

12.20pm Regional News (Teleman (6857687) 12.30 News and weather (Teletext) (3191622) 12.55 Murder, She Wrote (s) (8276622) 2.00 Home and Away (Telete.d) (s)

2.25 Chain Letters (Teletext) (s) (57741177) 2.50 The Good Heelth Guide (3465500) 3.20 News headings (Teletext) (2875719) 3.25 Regional News (Teletext) (2867790)

3.30 Rosie and Jim (s) (1248516) 3.45 Zzzapi (1163871) 4.00 The Sylvester and Tweety Mysteries (1856790) 4.25 Gladiators: Train to Win (Teleted) (1366177) 4.55 Get This (s) (1706413) 5.16 A Country Practice (s) (8299158)

5,40 News and weether (Teletext) (987871) 6.00 Home and Away. Kelly's sister accuses her of letting her boytnend die (r) (Teletaxi) (a) (5.30993)

6.25 FTV News (Teletext) (537326) 6.45 Sportsweek (Teletext) (400968)

7.00 Bruce Forsyth's Play Your Carde Right. Couples test their knowledge of public opinion in the hope of winning s car and cash (Teletext) (s) (1429) 7.30 Coronation Street. Aims is the tosst of

the street (Teletext) (239) 8.00 The Bill. When Brownlow sets uniform against CID, Beach nearly gets caught in the crossine (Teletext) (1167)

8.30 Paul Merton in Galton and Simpson's .... Sealed with a Loving Kiss. Two people meet for the first time after counting by letter, but will their expectations live up to the reality? And, if not, will they be honest about their feelings? (Teletext) (a) (6784)



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Catherine Conkson's the Girl (Teletext) (a) 10.00 News at Ten and weather (Teletext)

10.30 Regional News and Weather (727581) 10.40 Entertaining Mr Wedlock (637448) 11.10 Kojak (434429) 12.30 Hotel Babylon (s) (3389098)

1.10 The Good Sex Guide ... Late (s) (8444104)

2.10 Fil.M: Nightwalk (1989) starring Robert Urich, Lesley-Anne Down and Mark Joy. After witnessing a murder on a secluded stretch of beach a woman becomes the next target of a professional hit man Directed by Jerold Freedman (220475) 3.50 Live from London (r) (s) (9437098)

5.00 On the Live Side (66122)

5.30 Morvey News (29291)

HTV WALES As HTV WEST except:

2.50pm-3.20 The Programme (3465500) 6.25-7.00 Wales Tonight (609968) 10.40 Friday Live (908790) 11.40 Hunter (472719)

WESTCOUNTRY As HTV West except: 12.55 Coronation Street (3003413) 1.25-1.55 Chain Letters (84575887) 1.55 Home and Away (74262528) 2.25 Wish You Were Here...? (57732429) 2.55-3.20 Cat Crazy (9427546)

5.10-5.40 Home and Away (8299158)

8.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (43210)

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6.00-7.00 Meridian Tonight (43210) 10.40 Meridian Focus (637448) 11.10 Tales from the Crypt (489055) 11.35 Wer of the Worlds (941264) 5.00em Freesoreen (68122)

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### CHANNEL 4 6.35am Think Tank(r) (Teletext) (s) (5889581)

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4.00 Backdate (Teletext) (a) (968) 4.30 Countdown(Teletext) (s) (852) 5.00 Island of Dreams (r) (Telelext) (s) (8142) 6.00pm T.F.I. Friday. Chris Evans presents a putative successor to Ready Steady Go. Guests include Simply Red, Blur, Black Grape and Kylle Minogue (s) (41852)

7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletaxi) (823351) 7.55 Book Choloe, John Waish reviews the letest edition of Who's Who. (Teletext) (s)

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8.30 Brookside. Jacqui sells her soul, leaving Jimmy devastated (Teletext) (s) (4326) 9.00 Cybiti. American sit-com with Cybiti Shepherd (Teletext) (s) (1264)

9.30 Rising Demp. Rigsby believes it pays to advertise but a personal ad brings only one reply (r) (Teletext) (53697)



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11.05 The Girlle Show (s) (699784) 11.55 T.F.I. Friday. See 6pm (r) (s) (589968) 1.00mm Beards and Buti-Head. Animation

and music videos (s) (7265524) 1.25-3.25 FiLM: How I Won the War (1967) John Lennon, Michael Crawlord, Roy Kinnear and Michael Hordem head the at a frantic pace, by Richard Lester (573562)

### For more comprehensive listings of satellite and cable channels, see the Vision supplement, published Saturday SKY ONE

7.00am Boiled Egg and Soldiers (60871) 8.30 Press Your Luck (3187326) 8.50 The Love Connection (6999993) 9.20 Court TV (4170429) 9.50 The Opean Wintery Sho (4668535) 10.40 Jeopatdyl (1539897) 11.10 Sally Jessy Raphael (6206603) 12.00 Beechy (78974) 1.00pm The Wattons (67622) 2.00 Geraldo (52581) 3.00 Court TV 4958) 3.30 The Oprah Wintey Show (399177) 4.15 Under (2971210) 5.00 Star Trek The Ned Generation (1448) 5.00 The Simpsons (2239) 6.30 Jeopardyl (9719) 7.00 Lepid (2177) 7.30 MrA'STH (9819) 8.00 Lepid (2177) 7.30 MrA'STH (9819) 8.00 Just Kidding (5697) 8.30 Cappers (6072) 8.00 Walker, Texas Ranger (31413) 19.80 Six Trak. The Next Generation (9450). (34500) 11.00 Law and Order (81535) 12.00 Late Show with David Leneman (2741475) 12.45cm. The Untruckebles 41475) 12.45cm The Untouchebes (4253) 1.30 Size (75578) 2.00-6.00 Hz Mix Long Play

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6.00am The Little Harmald (1992) (50210) 7.00 Beauty and the Beest (1992) (97326) 8.00 Transformers—the Blovic (1993) (97603) 10.00 The Mooney sharket (1993) (95607) 12.00 Cagney and Lacey: The Return (1994) (64329) 2.00pm Where the Ret Fern Gross (1974) 2022 4.00 Transformers—the dies (1983) (252307) 1.35mm Stadow of a Doubt (1985) (259712) 3.10 Diamond Stalia (1989) (4235678) 4.40 The Monthly Market (1983) (2462765)

# Sky Movies Gold takes over from 10pm

to 4am, Under the Umbrella Tree (62613415) 6:30 Fraggle Rock (4160987) 7:00 New Advertures of Winne the Pool (3012662) 7:30 Ductables (41474550) Respire Ranges (30129682) 7.36 Ducktales (4157459) 8.00 Chip in Dake Residue Rengers (15025429) 8.30 Adventures in Wonderland (15944500) 9.00 Walt. Disney Presents (82795061) 10.00 Under the Limbreta Tree (41527239) 10.30 Fraggie Rod. (15037254) 11.00 Microet Bables (88195328) 11.30 Welcorae in Pooh Corner (88150056) 12.00 Cleack Atsack (1502516) 12.30 per Dembo's Circos (40548142) 1.00 Adven-tures in Wonderland (31579103) 1.30-Fill. Dumbo's Caros (40848142) 1.00 Adven-ures in Wonderland (31579103) 1.30 FEM: Heid — Part Two (90501299) 3.30 Whinte the Pool (68298332) 4.00 Quank Atzact. (68111299) 4.30 Ducklates (6820831) 5.00 Cyberster (5218852) 6.30 Sick with Me. Kid (41243156) 7.30 Eyewitness (68101852) 8.00 FEM: Poly (88845697) 9.30-10.00 Dinossurs (40931806)

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Entertainment 6.15 Colin Dye/Wake Up Europe 6.45-7.00 Musio SKY SOAP 7.00em Guiding Light (5115790) 7.55 As the World Turns (3368603) 8.50 Peyton Place (2739177) 9.20 Days of Cur Lives (9964784) 10.10-11.00 Another World (5399806)

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THE HISTORY CHANNEL 4,00pm Weapons at War. Fighters (2012622) 5.00 Mysterics of the Sibler Moses at Smar (638530) 6,00-7,00 Glography James Stowert (2271982) THE SCI-FI CHANNEL

1,00am Swamp Tring (1940123) 1.30 Ray -



Patricia Arquette and Christian Stater (Movie Channel, 10.00pm)

Brachury Theatre (3077369) 2.00 FiLM: House of Frankenstein (9223949) 3.30-4.00 Alfred Hitchcook presents (5198659)

9.00am True Romance (1719535) 9.30 Gardeners' Diary (4187245) 10.00 Two's Country Flashback (9332546) 11.00 The Peinted House (5355887) 11.30 DN (53568516) 12.00 Julia Child (182887) 12.30pm The Frugel Gournet (4181081) 1.00 Yen Can Cook (5998826) 1.30 Local Herces (4180332) 2.80 Dogs with Dumber (1490142) 2.30 Secret Gardens (1805177) 3.00 Two's Country (1572177) 3.304-4.00 3.00 Two's Country (1572177) 3.30-4,00

UK GOLD

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6.00mm Sweri's Crossing (61852) 6.30 Pugwell (89784) 7,00 Ready or Not (11871) 7,30 California Datame (5,9826) 8,00 S Veloy High (83603) 8,30 Thry TCC (24365968) 12,30 pm Thry TCC (45385365) 12,30 pm Thry TCC (4538535) 2,30 Hooply Eyer After (2710) 2,00 Soinc The hooploop (7527) 3,30 Quar's 5 Orchestra (4055) 4,00 California Dreams (9790) 4,30-5,00 Sweet Valley High (3974)

NICKELODEON 6.00em Banana Sandwich (81155) 7.00 Attack of the Killer Tomasios (16245) 7.30 The Listest Fet Shop (29852) 8.00 Wish-bone (34177) 8.30 Rute Dog and the Dweelbs (33448) 9.00 Gmmmy (44500) 9.70 11.00 Rocko (23974) 11.30 Doug (24603)
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4,00pm Bush Tucker Man (1596429) 4.30 Parametics (1412413) 5,00 Classic Wheels 1563429) 6,00 Terra X (1506806) 8,30 3eyond 2000 (9945055) 7,30 Arthur C Clarke's World of Strange Powers (1413142) 8.00 Jurazzaca 2 (6049413) 9.00 Wings (6132177) 10,00 Sunday Drivers (6135264) 11,00 Drivers BRAVO

12.00 FILM: Mail Beast (47994429) 1.15pm Honey West (4681806) 2.00 The Salnt (8084413) 3.00 The Buccaneers (1569603) 3.30 The Adventures of William Tell (1504448) 4.00 FILM: Hobson's Choice (1570719) 6.00 Danger Man (1593332) 6.30 Tru Gossp Show (65256) 7.30 Tru Green Homer (1417968) 8.00 The Saint (6043239) 8.00 UFO (6129603) 10.00-12.00 FLM: Theory of Death (6383429)

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CNN provides 24—hour news and GVC PERFORMANCE

7.00pm Condition 10.00 Tosca 12.00-2.00am GRP All Stars and Lea Réenour BBC WORLD

News on the hour 8.05cm Question Time 8.25 Q.E.O. 12.15pm Heart of the Matter 1.15 World Business Report 1.30 Nearshour Asia and Pacific 2.25 Tomorrow's World 3.05 Ques-tion Time 4.25 Jeremy Clarkson's Motoworld 5.15 World Business Report 5.25 Holday 8.05 Question Time 9.25 Film 96 12.30am Newshight 4.05 Corresponderii 5,20 The Late Show

# **ATHLETICS 40**

MODAHL STARTS TO PUT HER CAREER BACK ON THE ROAD

**RUGBY UNION 42** 

TRELAND STAND-OFF GOES IN SEARCH OF HONOURS IN PARIS

# England on one-day street to ignominy

CRICKET CORRESPONDENT IN AHMEDABAD

THE world once deferred to England when it came to one-day cricket. They made the rules, devised the tactics and set the standards, but nobody follows England now. The pack has advanced while the pioneers have stood still and, on all available evidence, England are at risk of a mortifyingly swift exit from the

Despite the contingency of bad weather offering unearned points to the United Arab Emirates. England will be hard pressed not to qualify for the last eight. There, it is glibly assumed, anything can happen but even allowing for the vagaries of limited-overs cricket, the most likely outcome for England is an early flight home.

ment with brave words. Rightly so. To have dwelt on their 6-1 defeat in South Africa would have been counter-productive and the management decreed that it was an irrelevance, the aberration of a weary team. Things would be different now, it was said. But they are not different. They are precisely

The performance against New Zealand on Wednesday might have been at Cape Town, Johannesburg or Port Elizabeth last month, it was that predictable. The game was lost in the field, of course, where England were so woeful. Compounding this, however, England's batting and bowling were a mix-ture of the prosaic and the witless.

To defend it as "reasonable", as Michael Atherton did, is to settle for standards that are inadequate

to which England have clung while the opposition have sailed purposefully past. With Graeme Hick and Dominic Cork nursing injuries, it does not bode well for the time when England must meet the serious contenders.

England's protection of the pri-macy of Test cricket is laudable, but the endemic disregard for one-day cricket is now damaging national esteem in the sport. It is exempli-fied by the fact that England has staged only 14 of the 294 one-day internationals since the last World Cup and that only three are planned when Australia tour in the summer of 1997. Elsewhere, the volume is often excessive, but the focus of cricketing minds on the demands of the short game is, in the present environment, highly

The best one-day teams - Aus-



not only field more athletically and accurately than England, which to some degree is the result of more innovative practice, they also bat and bowl with more flair and flexibility. They are equipped to improvise, while England plough down predictable channels, apperently unable to change course when things go wrong. Hence, the batting collapse on Wednesday, once under way, consumed the side as so often it did in South Africa.

Within it, two depressing points

were emphasised about key play-ers. Graham Thorpe should by now have the confidence to carry the side through the crucial middle overs but, too often, he bats with no appreciation of the required pace. And Neil Fairbrother, outstanding in the World Cup of four years ago, does not look the same player. Now he meets pressure not with touch and placement but by putting his foot down the pitch and heaving

across the line.

England emerged from their hotel for practice yesterday, but it was unimpressive, the motions of a team deflated by defeat and aware of its own deficiencies. Atherion batted in the nets with grim intent, a man struggling with his form but struggling, too, with his own perception of one-day cricket as an inferior entity. Many share his view, but, right now, it is unhelpful."

worth, the manager, must cross to relate to the methods of play and preparation in modern limitedwers cricket. He has not achieved if thus far, nor is he instinctively inclined to do so. The decision to exclude from the squad Dermot Regre, whose inventiveness is such a rarity in English cricket is evidence enough of his suspicion of

So, as England took once more to the practice ground, three questions sprang to mind. Can it do any good? Are they doing the right things? And is it even the right players doing them? The answer to all three is probably no.

This event has been plagued: First it was the security issue, then the ridiculed opening ceremony which led to parliamentary de-

time to stage the semi-final. The tournament needed a decent cricketing launch and it has not had it. England's match was tepid. the cricket predictable and the setting bizarre. Scoreboards worked spasmodically and sewage filled the corridors of the main stand. Then, yesterday, rain post-poned the scheduled second match Rawalpindi

There is a sense that this event is creeping in apologetically. There is an air about England of preparing to creep out again. They have never failed to reach a World Cup semifinal, but it is bard to be opt about the retention of the record. Only yesterday, a former England captain, dismayed at what he has seen, sought to place a bet on defeat against the United Arab Emirates on Sunday. It has come to

# Decision to ratify title result raises fears over weight

By Srikumar Sen, boxing correspondent

TERRY DUNSTAN, the British cruiserweight champion. who was reported to be overweight for his title bout with Dennis Andries on Tuesday at York Hall, Bethnal Green, can keep his title and second notch on the Lonsdale

The British Boxing Board of Control took the unprecedented step at its board meeting on Wednesday of allowing the bout between Dunstan and Andries to stand as a championship contest even though Dunstan was over the cruiserweight limit of 13st 8lb.

The bout was originally to be staged at the London Arena on Saturday, but was moved to York Hall as a result of the Docklands bombing. The boxers had weighed in on Friday but a second weigh-in was held on Monday, when Dunstan was found overweight.

At the time of the postponement on Saturday, John Morris, secretary of the board, told the boxers and managers that the Friday weigh-ins could stand for York Hall if there were no objections. Andries objected and thus the second weigh in took place.

Morris Insisted yesterday, however, that Dunstan had not been considered overweight. He said the scales were "flickering a few ounces" over because they had not

been properly calibrated. According to Morris, that small variation did not matter because of the unusual circumstances surrounding the show and because the decision to let the bout go on as a championship contest was to the satisfaction of all parties, including Andries.

The board's decision will be viewed with concern, however, by those who believe championship weigh-in rules should never be stretched.



Dunstan: overweight at second weigh-in for bout

even slightly, no matter what

At the same board meeting, Joe Bugner's application for a licence to box in Britain against Scott Welch, the British. Commonwealth and World Boxing Organisation (WBO) inter-continental champion, was turned down. The last two recent contests of Bugner, 45, who - before those - had not boxed since being stopped by Bruno in eight rounds in 1987, were not considered of a high enough standard to make the Australian eligible for a British

Welch's promoter, Warren, said that he would ask the board to reconsider its decision. Welch, however, insisted he would sue. "I'm going to issue a writ," Welch This is the biggest payday of my career. I can't say why they've turned his licence down. Bugner is better than other people the board has let me fight over here."
Warren said: "It can't be

anything to do with age, because Dennis Andries [42] is still fighting and George Foreman fought for me in this country when he was past 40. Joe has done all that has been asked of him since his comeback. What did they expect him to do? Fight somebody in the top ten?"

Billy Hardy, the European and Commonwealth champion, from Sunderland, could meet Naseem Harned, the WBO champion, in the world's first £1 million feather-

weight title bout.

Tommy Gilmour, Hardy's manager, said he was having talks with Warren, Hamed's promoter, about staging the contest at Roker Park in July. Gilmour expects Hardy, No 2 in the WBO rankings, to move up to the No! mandatory challenger's position after the successful defence of his European title against Michael Alldis, of Crawley, last Saturday. If the world title bout goes to bids, Gilmour is confident of winning. Hamed would get £750,000 and Hardy £250,000.

CRAIG WHITINGTON, the

reasons. After becoming the

test on two separate occasions.

he has been charged with

misconduct by the Football

Last week, Roger Stanis-

laus, the Leyton Orient de-

fender, was dismissed by his

club after the FA suspended

him for a year after a random

test found traces of cocaine.

Although cannabis is a "soft"

drug, as a second offender,

Whitington, 25, is likely to

Association.



DISABLED athletes are gaining proper recognition. For the first time, trials for the Paralympics are to take place at the same time and at the same venue as those for the Olympics, albeit in only one sport (Stuart Jones writes). The pioneers will swim in the pool at Ponds Forge, in Shef-field, next month.

The breakthrough was revealed at the Cafe Royal, London, yesterday by the British Paralympic Association. So were the names of 38 athletes who have already been selected to represent the nation in Atlanta in August. More than 200 others are expected to be chosen for the

Whitington fails second test

from Scarborough for £25,000

The swimmers lead the way in more than one sense. At the last world and European and 38 gold medals respec tively. In both cases, the total was 13 higher than the next most successful nations. Australia and Germany, and the ises to continue.

Among the other individ-uals likely to contribute to the overall hand is Simon Jackson, 28, from Rochdale. Jackson, the world visually impaired judo champion, is seeking his third successive Paralympic gold medal. He is already assured of going to

have to get a new work permit

to move from one club to

another," Ioan Becali, Dumi-

trescu's agent, said yesterday.

West Ham and Tottenham are

likely to join any legal

The FA Premier League will resist any attempt by the

Office of Pair Trading (OFT) to

break the League's television

contract with Sky. At the

League's quarterly meeting

yesterday, the clubs gave their

mously to support ..., the

collective selling of TV rights,"

Rick Parry, the League's chief

executive, said after the meet-

ing. The clubs gave full and

The clubs voted unani-

support to the status quo.

although he is the European and world champion at both the 5,000 and 10,000 metres. Not only does he intend to compete in both events, but also, using Emil Zatopek as his role model, in the marathon as well, even though the three events are to be staged within eight days.

Britain is to be repr in all but one of the 17 Paralympic sports — the foot-ball team failed to qualify as well as in the demonstra tions of yachting and wheel chair rugby. In Barcelons four years ago, the nation gathered 128 medals, finish-ing behind only the United s and Germany in the



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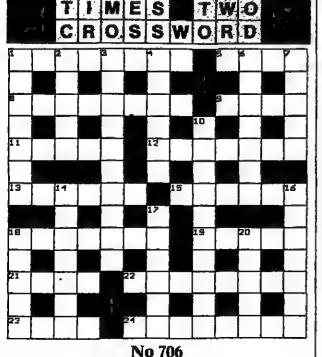
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receive a swingeing sentence.
"We take quite a sympathetic line first time." an FA spokesman said, "and give players a second chance — but they are expected to take that and anyone who doesn't is obviously in serious trouble." Whitington has made only

Huddersfield Town forward. two years ago and is available on a free transfer. He first has not made many headlines in his career, but yesterday he tested positive for cannabis in made news for all the wrong March last year. At the time, he received a short suspension first footballer to fail a drugs during the FA assessment and counselling process. As part of the package, he

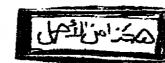
was also subject to random testing for a year and it was in one of those tests, on January 9, that traces of cannabis, a drug which stays in the bloodstream for some time, were found. Whitington has 14 days in which to request a personal

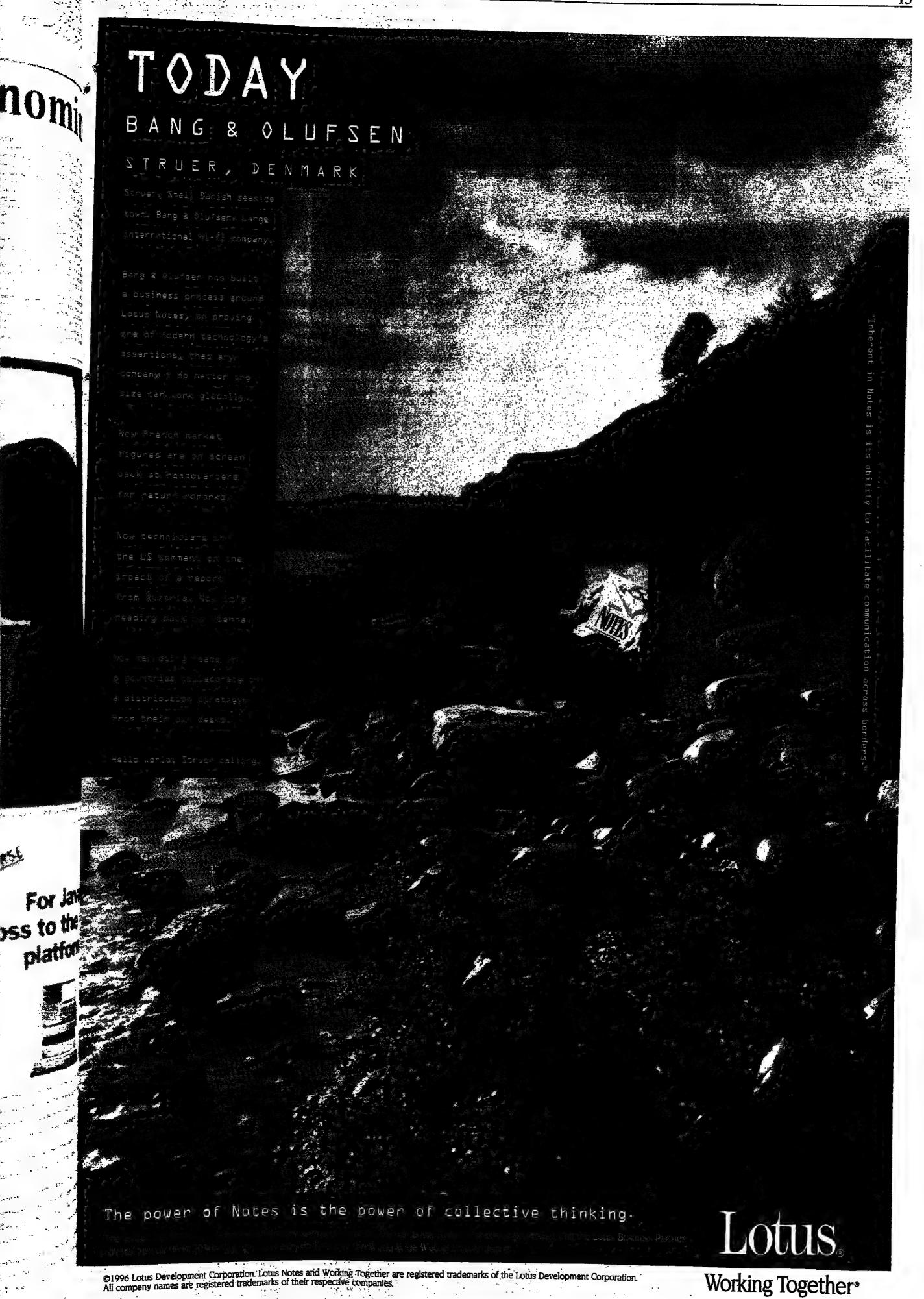
Ilie Dumitrescu, Tottenham Hotspur's Romania international midfield player, is planning to go to the European Court if his appeal against the Department of Employments refusal to grant him a work permit is unsuccessful. Dumitrescu was refused a permit when he agreed to move to West Ham United from Tottenham.

"Only in England do you

total backing to our possible legal battle with the OFT." The Football Association of Ireland (FAI) has confirmed that Mick McCarthy, Ire-

land's new manager, would not be able to appoint lan Evans, his No 2at Millwall, as a full-time assistant in his new





**FEATURES** 

The angry mothers of women's lib are growing old gracefully, says Joe Joseph







# Feminism: why age does matter

admiring, moisteyed biography, Glo-ria Steinem: The Education of a Woman by Carolyn Heilbrun, a professor of humanities at New York's Columbia University. Julie Andrews says if she weren't herself, then she'd like to be

Men have always found it tricky to know how to treat young, pretty feminists. This is because men are biologically different from women, in that they possess the special Ychromosome. This is what to do their own laundry, and a firm belief that all committed young feminists should really look like Andrea Dworkin.

The way men see it, if a 20year-old, mini-skirted Gloria Steinem or Germaine Green threatens to jump down your foreplay. If Andrea Dworkin does it, you sit down and listen

But suddenly people who smirked at the young Steinem and Greer now smother the old versions with praise. The New York Times calls Steinem "one of the best dates to take to

ridiculed by Middle America for championing the Black Panthers and the California fruit-pickers? The Gloria Steinem who had the world guffawing in the aisles when she suggested that "the architecture of Catholic churches mimics the female body: the outer portals serve as the labia majora, the inner portals as labia minora, the side altars as overies, and the high altar the uterus at the heart of the swelling dome that holds the body of the faithful? The same Steinem who teased and baited the male establishment

could menstruate, they would brag about how often and how much')? Yup.

A few weeks ago, an organ-isation called the Veteran Feminists of America even gathered to pay tribute to 64year-old Steinern, who became the midwife of mass-market feminism when she founded the magazine Ms in 1972. Speaker after speaker hailed her as brilliant, strong, con-stant, funny ... the praise was so gushing that even Steinen stammered: "I keep wonder-ing if I'm dead yet."

The other angry mothers of the movement have also now

Greer, Shere Hite and Betty Friedan, Nancy Friday and Jane Fonda, they have all spawned enough grey hair and crow's feet to be taken seriously by men at last. Age has not withered them, it has made people warm to them.

such as Naomi Wolf, heat from misogynist male book reviewers. Look at Shere Hite. fortnight ago, Hite-

us The Hite Report, a nding on their own was being fêted in Oxford not as a pornreacher for human

ights. Delivering the Amnes-Lecture at the Sheldonian heatre, she decried religious Western tradition of tolerance.

Groucho Marx used to joke that he knew Doris Day before she was a virgin. Does anyone remember Germaine Green before she was a grannyish, grey-haired elder states woman who now appears on telly not so that chat show hosts can wink at the camera and giggle at what they regard

> The world now sees Greer as a fount of old-woman wisdom

share her views on the

Those with long memories seem to recall a slot-filler put the late 1960s which featured a turer in English from War-wick University called Germ-aine Greer, who wore teeny skirts, a frizzy perm, had the word "Golly!" piastered across her chest and spouted lines such as: "It takes a fairty hefty ncy knees/But it takes a hurriane, once up, to blow them

Euruch, this young icon-oclast wrote: "As far as

zanne Moore last year and ridiculed her for sporting "bird's nest hair", tarty shoes, baring "three fat inches of "So much lipstick," said Greer, "must rot the brain." So much for cheap and cheerful

right when he said youth was But the thing is that now

wasted on the young.

also find them a ranting bunch of harpies (as they did Greer and Steinem 30 years ago), find themselves nodding sym-

nathetically with Greet, al-

most, as it were, by default

It's the same with Betty.

Dulux colour chart, she ad-

vises, or you'll just look like a

hussy. And maybe Shaw was-

Greer sees the younger gen-

in Britain, Rosie Boycott, one of the

widely regarded as mother of

the American women's move-

ment, worries more about the

problems of old age than the

founders of the now definet Spare Rib, has also strolled into the

ferred to as the thinking man's crompet" nowadays in vellowing newspaper clip pings. Tell that to young kids today, and they just won't



left. Steinem and Bakewell during their bra-burning days

teaches a little, writes a little, tends her farmyard animals a wise-old-woman wisdom.

little — and they see a fount of Don't rail against the menopause, says Greer, relish it as liberation from the unsatis-



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# How the Marchioness of Worcester became the champion of the Newbury protesters

# .' I don't want gifts. I want to change the world

ritled ladies who espouse good causes are hardly a novelty but there is somedetermined about the Marchioness of Worcester, the erstwhile actress Tracy Ward.
Tracy Worcester, as she is
known in the Green world. last weekend led a walk along the proposed route of the

Her new baby, Xan, sleeps in his pram on the doorstep. It is a long time since I have seen a London child left outside in a pram. And it is the perilous. world that Lord Alexander Somerset will inherit that so

exercises Tracy.
Her house, The Cottage on the edge of the Gloucester-shire park of Badminton House, home to the annual horse trials - is a large dowerhouse in mellow stone. It is wonderfully chaotic. This is a house where children come first, and time is not wasted on unnecessary, energy-consuming laundering. Tracy's boots are scuffed, her face devoid of artifice. Her car is an aged BMW filled with childish debris — tapes, cans, wrappers.

Outside the sky was blue, so Tracy put on a woollen cap and an Aighan jacket inherli-ed from her mother-in-law (the late Duchess of Beaufort) and. led me via maze-like box hedges to a grassy sward. We carried a wooden bench from the poolside. The pool was frozen, but Lady Isabella, aged five, had just broken the ice and had a swim. (The eldest child, Bobby, Earl of Glamorgan, aged seven, was at his

Tracy is lucky, as she says. At 37, she does not have to work: she does not have to. commute along pollution folk who toil at Friends of the Earth (FoE) headquarters. So she invites them for weekend seminars here — "I can't think how they survive in the busiest part of London: people who work for the environment should be able to get out into the environment."

I have just walked through pedestrianised Chippenham, with its empty shops. This is what happens, Tracy says, when people build bypasses

and out-of-town hypermar-kets. It's killed the shops, the high street. The centre is dead. But which political party is challenging it? They are all on

the global treadmill.
"I went to Mongolia recently and the people in the aero-plane were all businessmen getting Mongolians to make cheap shirts for Americans. Every company is forced now to comb the globe for cheaper labour, so small businesses die and big ones grow. The Third World is persuaded to want Barbie dolls and Nike shoes, their identity rocked by the persuasive insistence of our



multinationals."

It all seems a million miles from this pastoral idyil, loud with birdsong. The roads of car-free Badminton are safe. Tracy can raise her children... so far - without computer garnes, television or funk food. Tracy was brought up in the village of Cornwell in Oxfordworr er gords viros secret with closed. Why, she wants to know, are the sandwiches sold in their local Boots made in Essex? "Nobody questions it. this? Why are 12,000 farmers and farm labourers leaving the land every year?" She hararigues everyone

like this, at every opportunity. The other night she found herself sitting next to Henry Kissinger at dinner. Tracy, I agree with every word you say," he solemnly told her.

In London she is famous for her ministers' dinners with Sir. Crispin Tickell as co-host. "He: gives me carte blanche on who survive but we won't if we

to invite; nobody would come if it was just me." Guests have included William Waldegrave, Sir Jonathon Porritt, Brian Mawhinney and Sir Terence. Burns. "I don't speak myself. I get the people who can arriculate best about how the world has gone wrong." She began to tell me what Gillian Shephard had said, until she remem-bered that "Chatham House rules" operate.

What I've discovered is that politicians are part of this global process, signing away their powers to unelected bureaucracies in the interests of the World Bank or the OECD. f you challenge them on the farming system - wouldn't it be better if we produced nutritious food locally? - they say sorry, my hands are tied by Europe. We tried to stop tuna being caught in nets dangerous so dolphins. 'Can't do that, it's Gatt-illegal. They admit to being suffocated by global trade agreements.

They are powerless: power is in the hands of money and trade; they are in thrall to the economic system. I once asked a Texan oil man. Syd Bass. Why don't you look at alternative energy systems? He said the competition is so overpowering that they can only think of getting their produce sold as cheaply and as massively as

er husband the Marquess, the Duke of Beau-fort's heir, whom she married in 1987, does not take part in her eco-gather-higs. She calls him Harry, not his nickname, Bunter. "I think he's called that because he's quite clumsy. If you're 6ft 6in. things do fly. But he's ravishkind and generous."

in an NHS hospital in Bristol) she donated the £2,000 saved on medical fees to the Metropolitan Transport Research Unit. "And Harry gave me a whacking cheque for the environment movement. He knows I don't want jeweilery, I don't want gifts. I want to-change the world. I think we've got to, if we're going to have a future. I think the planet will be laughing. It will



The Marchioness of Worcester with Bella and Xan: "We've got to change if we're going to have a future." Photograph by Peter Nicholls

century without any social responsibility. We've got to change: we can't rely on governments to do it."

The former star of the television series Cats' Eyes, and sister of the actress Rachel Ward, dreads being offered an irresistible role again.

"I only care about my family, my children, the quality of the air they breathe, places to walk in peace and tranquillity. If we make our lives unpleasant, is that progress?

"Everybody cares about these things, but most people are too busy in their jobs to act. It takes time to unrayel the lies and rhetoric and to try to change the state we're in. You can't save an elephant, you have to save an eco-system. So I decided to throw my lot in with Friends of the Earth. The people there have a vision so pure and so right."

Her first FoE project was the Rainforest Ball at the Hippodrome in 1988. Her name helped to sell too many tickets. "So embarrassing," she says. "Seven months organising and it was bedlam. But we did raise £125.000."

ast year she joined Bel Mooney in her Batheaston bypass protest. "People would say: 'I know we need these 44-ton lorries.' We don't need these larries or this Euro-route subsidising mass production from all over the world.

"And if everyone in Newbury could see the bigger picture they would be united. The message is: stop building roads, they only attract more traffic. There is a cheaper and more beneficial way than spending £101 million. Tonight she hosts a dinner

for 20 guests from the Soil Association and Compassion in World Farming, plus the local vicar. She will give them venison — she will serve meat if the animals "have had a happy life and are nutritious, not pumped with chemicals" - and organic vegetables. On the agenda: why local quangos subsidise huge multinationals

just to soak up a few of the

unemployed in Bristol.

It was time to breasticed Xan. Bella and friends raced round the table in witches' hats. Tracy, impervious to the commotion, said: What I've learnt is that small is beautiful, but small has no power. We have to unite, to fight the globalisation that disempowers us and undermines democracy. That is why Lam a networker. And a mother,"

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### There's a managerial row in the Close tonight, and all of Barchester cowers

hat is this, bishop, about your stipend?" said Mrs Proudie, coming to the end of the table and standing there. Obadiah Slope did not permit the bishop to answer, but replied himself. "I have proposed a motion at the General Synod, ma'am, to abolish stipend differentials. In this day and age of Our Lord it is obscene for a bishop, even for the Bishop of Barchester, to earn twenty times as much as the curate of Plumstead Parva, Perhaps I ought not to interfere, but yet —"
"Certainly you ought not, sir," cried the in-

furiated dame. "And why should you so categorise my lord's emoluments as obscene?
What Socinian and Erastian cant is that?"
"That is the language of Church-management-speak, marm," replied the

slippery Slope, with a sanctified smirk. "If we of the Church are going to network with and be a partner-in-change with other parts of society then we must learn to speak their language of management and share our own theological jargon. Jargon after all is merely a way of e-mailing grid references for concepts. Just as the teachers in our Barsetshire schools now spend more time in self-appraisal and appraising each other's self-appraisals than they do in front of their blackboards, so we men of the cloth must find a developmental facilitative approach. We need to maximise the potential of our human resources to empower the lesser clergy by assigning them areas of decisionmaking. This may necessitate an element of team-performance bonuses for the Cathedral Close Centre. And that must entail stipendiary equalisation."

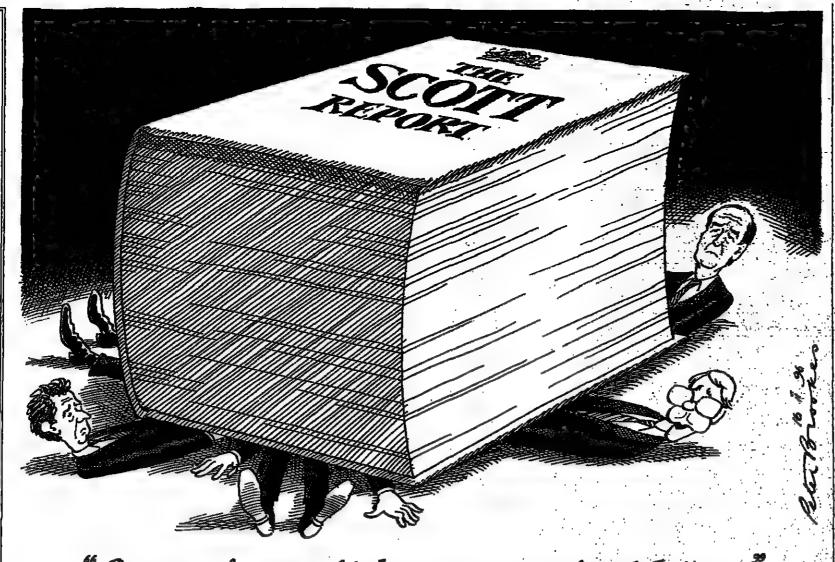
"I am not sure I quite follow that," interposed Dr Proudie, scratching his head.
"It is perfectly simple, my lord," oiled Mr Slope. "Our brethren in the Southwall Diocese have pioneered the use of Total Quality Management (TQM) for the Church. In simplistic days, our mission statement was called the Holy Gospel, but now in Barchester we must draft a new one to articulate our core values and long- and short-term goals, and identify developmental needs. Similarly we need to service our stakeholders. This is what uneralightened clergy designate as ministering to their flocks. But today the language of computers is more familiar than the dialect of shepherding, even in Barsetshire. With teamwork and focus we can blueprint a diocese in tune with tomorrow's imperatives."

Mrs Proudie was boiling over with wrath. "My lord," said she, "am I to be vouchsafed an answer about the stipend or am 1 not?"

Again Mr Slope responded on behalf of his bishop. "My lord," he said, "it is arguable particular emolument package in view of the high-risk, high-turnover nature of your work. No doubt some modifications can made in your pension arrangements, as the new management jargon describes what used to be called Providence. I will have a word with the Human Resources Manager." "Impertinence close to blasphemy." exclaimed Mrs Proudie.

"My lord," said Mr Slope, "severe critics have always supposed that the Church of England was run by a bunch of old women. Now that statistical research shows that most of our learning people and many of our non-essential front-line services managers are female, and there are even priestesses. we must ensure that we do not preach ourselves into a zero-sum scenario. You must not broadcast the sound-bite to the common media that in the cathedral close a lady wears the episcopal robe."

Without further parley, Mrs Proudie left the palace withdrawing-room, and did not forget to shut the door with resentful emphasis after her. There was no mineing of matters now. There followed a close conference between the bishop and his chaplain over the quality-control management (as Mr Slope called holiness) that was needed to keep the Church in a winwin situation. The primary task and concurrent engineering were to be found in the alternative manual that had replaced the prayer book. Without this new managerial modernisation, Mr Slope impressed upon his quaking bishop that the Church was at risk of self-destruction (the new phrase for sin), and Barsetshire plc was in a high-risk profile of bankruptcy (being damned).



"Once you've put it down, you can't pick it up."

# Mountain over molehill

hen King Kong loomed over the Manhattan skyline, the citizens behaved like demented ants. Men dived into cars and crashed into lampposts. Policemen screamed and waved their arms. Beautiful girls tore their underwear. The monster smiled at them all and wrecked the Empire State Building.

Thus Downing Street in advance of yesterday's Scott report. This entire fiasco was almost vindicated by the handling of its climax. A Government pleading respect for Parliament insulted Parliament. Ministers desperate to wrongfoot their opponents handed them a gift on a plate. A Whitehall machine eager to dismiss the Scott inquiry as so much judicial self-abuse made it seem a noble crusade against men with some-thing nasty to hide. As for the excuse that it can rebut them, that is hokum.

Why the fuss? Sir Richard Scott let them all off the hook, albeit a hook of papier máché. He was asked to answer two modest questions put to him in 1992 by the Prime Minister. One was about the status of government documents in criminal trials. The other was about the disclosure to Parliament of changes in arms trade policy. Both had caused ministers some embarrassment and arose from that bugbear of all governments, espionage. All Whitehall's great traumas, from Vassall and Blunt to Franks and Spycatcher, have arisen from the antics of spies. It is a wonder nobody thinks to abolish them.

For some reason Sir Richard was seized by pretentions to grandeur. He set out to build a mountain over a molehill. He abandoned all sense of proportion and adopted the mien of a self-confessed "naive" outsider. Theatrical public hearings were staged at which he and his assistant, Presiley Baxendale, mimicked American courtroom dramas. They treated the highest in the land like defendants in a criminal trial. With the luxury of unlimited time and the right to summon paper they roamed free over such arcane concepts as ministerial re-sponsibility. Civil Service loyalty, judicial discretion and official secrecy. They hinted at deep constitutional thoughts and duly became the despair of Whitehall and darlings of the media and even

the London stage.

The molehill remains a molehill. After the ballyhoo of his "trial of ministers" and his leaked draft report, Sir Richard Sir Richard Scott laboured long, but the grotesque result fails to address the

real questions of government

found himself backtracking on his wilder initial allegations. He is not a malicious man. Section D of his report indicates a clear misleading of Parlia-ment about the nuances of non-lethal arms exports to Iraq, but it accepts that there was no bending of the formal arms policy. His conclusion rightly asserts that where a measure of secrecy is required by policy and where ministers are relying on official advice, there is an obligation to be as frank as possible. (Ian Lang's summary of these passages Richard detects no insincerity, no con- were cast as knaves (not least in the spiracy to mislead and no hanging BBC's biased dramatisation). offences to be laid at

William Waldegrave or their officials. There was only the usual obfuscation of parliamentary intercourse. in other words, the fault lay with the process and not the processors. In this he is wholly convincing.

As for the public interest immunity

the door of Lord Howe.

certificates, I remain baffled by the furore. In a disclosure unthinkable in any of our trading rivals, ministers sent a judge in a criminal trial a mass of documents concerning commercial espionage. Had they not wanted them disclosed, they would not have sent them. The meaning of their action was to let the trial judge decide on disclosure. In the event he agreed. He passed documents to the defence, which showed them to the press. For the defence lawyer. Geoffrey Robertson, now to howl about "gagging orders" is absurd. Thanks to these documents, he was given the opportunity to tear the veil from the entire "arms to Iraq" affair. which he gleefully accepted. Nobody gagged him. His clients, men patently involved in making arms for the odious Saddam Hussein, got off.

A system designed to protect the activities of British spies from disclosure, yet not so as to lead to a miscarriage of justice, surely achieved its

goal. Paul Henderson, a man whose business activities might have earned him the excoriation of Mr Robertson and The Guardian, emerged from their embrace a "brave MI6 agent" (which he was not) and an idol of the Left. Indeed one of the many warped consequences of Sir Richard's modus operandi was to make public heroes of the two individuals most culpable in this silly affair, Mr Henderson and the former minister, Alan Clark. They have given new meaning to "Scott free". . Inose who !

> So much for the molehills. What of Sir Richard's mountain, a veritable Ste-Victoire in its range and colouring, and in its creator's ambition? What justified three years work, three years of turmoil, publicity and anguish? Reading Scott I had an eerie sense that he had

been passed a dummy. I would have welcomed his views on substantive matters such as the ethics of the arms trade, the efficacy of the House of Commons or the future of judicial review. Instead we have five volumes almost entirely filled with historical material on arms deals. partiamentary exchanges and commer-. cial case law. There can be nothing left to learn of the nuances and compromises of "grey area" machine tools licensing. But after 2,000 pages and a broad exoneration, we are hardly the wiser. It is as well Sir Richard was not directed at the Pergau dam scandal. There real clashes of trade and foreign policy were at stake, and ministers were unquestionably culpable of deception. Pergau

remains the one that got away. The Scott report ends with a dying fall. It illustrates what practitioners of government know well, that theirs is a difficult calling. Wrangling ministers and officials are not inept schemers seeking to evade Sir Richard's stern reprimand. They represent real interests

in real contention. Their accountability to Parliament, as to the press and the law, is foggy, since — especially in foreign affairs — there has to be a premium on confidentiality. Their chief enemy is time. Expecting them to cover all their traces against a Scott inquiry is like expecting Sir Richard himself having to give his report in two weeks flat, with no mistakes and subject to public scrutiny of his every move. I

imagine he would not like that. Unlike the law, government takes place in real time. Lord Franks, reportmg on the intelligence failures prior to the Falklands invasion, did so quickly and incisively in one short volume. Sir-Richard's raw material was paltry, a few fudged parliamentary answers, the falled conviction of three arms dealers and some ministerial red faces. He should have spent six weeks on the job agree with Lord Howe when he says the Scott technique was unjust. Politicians sometimes deserve a rougher ride than the stagey banter of Parliament. But the report's lack of proportion and dilateri-

ness was grotesque.

The test of an exercise in hindsight is whether those involved would, in retrospect, have behaved differently. The thinness of Sir Richard's recommendations suggests not. There will always be a tension between sensitive policy changes and their public presentation. Ministers will always seek to shield their disagreements from the public. Water will always flow downhill. The report leaves the PII procedure twith some technical reforms) in place. It accepts commercial and security confidentiality. It agrees that ministerial responsibility is diluted by the complexity of government. The mountain reduces to eight final pages, wishing that ministers be more forthcoming with information". The coda is a plous wish that politicians might behave less like ... politicians.

This inquiry was begun after an executive, not a legal, failure. MPs Question Time and letters are not adequate properly to scrutinise modern government. Parliament hired an outside inquisitor to do this job for it, rather than delegate it to a select committees (as Congress would have done). This is a poor comment on Parliament. I read to the end of the report for advice on how better to order these things in future. I read in vain.

# A blind eye to blame

Peter Riddell

thinks the Tories will survive — just

The Scott report is highly damag ing for the Government, but will probably not be fatal for either William Waldegrave or Sir Nicholas Ly-ell. Probably, because yesterday was an occasion for propaganda, not considered judgment. It was like a Budger — a theatrical event when there is too much material to absorb at once, so immediate

impressions are often misleading. The Government case was robust but only partially convincing. The more time people had to read the report, the more partial the version presented by Ian Lang looked. He and other ministers sought to claim victory before the debate had started by defining it in very narrow terms. There were two strands: one that everyone acted honourably and, second, that the whole affair had been got up malevolently by the Opposition, which ought to apologise. This was to maintain party unity and rouse the more gullible Tory backbenchers to fury against Robin Cook, their favourite bogey. But it

is partisan hogwash.

The more effective Government defence is that while mistakes were made, Mr Waldegrave and Sir Nicholas, and other ministers and officials, acted in good faith. Sir Richard Scott accepted this at his news conference. The report says that Mr Waldegrave did not have "any displicatous intention" and did not intend his letters to MPs to be "mislead-ing", though it is highly critical of his actions over export guidelines. This approach is similar to the verdict reached by Lord Franks's report into the events leading up to the Argentine inva-sion of the Falklands — that despite serious intelligence failings, the Govern-ment could not be blazzed. As 13 years ago, this allows the Government to argue that everyone acted "honestly and with propriety" and there was no conspiracy to send impocent people to jail. That should be enough to protect Mr Waldegrave and Sir Nicholas. The Prime Minister last night committed himself strongly to the two ministers, and it would be a serious personal defeat if they were now forced to resign.

ut that is not the end of the story. Behaving honestly and with pro-priety may be enough to remain. in office, but it does not even remotely answer the report's criticisms of minis-ters and officials. Mr Lang yesterday engaged in cherry-picking of the most fav-

Even a cursory dip into the five volumes shows that while ministers. may have acted in good faith, they and their officials behaved at the least incompetently, and in many cases worse. For instance, the report concludes in volume one that guidelines on export sales "did not remain unchanged"; that the failure to inform Parliament was "deliberate"; and that intelligence information that machinetools from Matrix Churchill went to the lraqi arms programme was "so strong" that for ministers to maintain that they were possibly for civilian use was equivalent to the Nelsonian use of a blind eye". The report also damns the Governments handling of the prosecution in the Matrix Churchill case and the signing of public interest immunity certificates, but these conclusions were brushed aside by the Government as not being in accordance with the accepted view of the law.

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The Government has a case to answer Which goes well beyond the personal honour of Mr Waldegrave and Sir Nichplas. The report raises serious questions about whether the Government complied with its procedural rulebook, Questions of Procedure for Ministers (QPM). Sir Richard concludes on page 507 of the first volume that "the Government's statements made in 1989 and 1990 about policy on defence exports to Iraq consistently failed to comply with the standards set out in QPM and, more important, failed to discharge the obligations imposed by the constitutional

principle of ministerial accountability. These are not trivial matters. Even if the good faith of ministers is accepted, these issues cannot be dismissed as being of interest only to conspiracy theorists. They go to the heart of ministers' relations with Parliament, as Sir Richard discusses in a fascinating chapter on ministerial ac-countability at the end of volume four. which is likely to become an essential text for constitutional theorists. Sir Richard argues that if, as the Cabinet Secretary, Sir Robin Butler, maintains, ministers are to be excused blame and personal criticism on the basis of the absence of personal knowledge or involvement, the corollary ought to be an acceptance of the obligation to be forthcoming with information to Parliament. This is central to the fallings

which the Scott report has identified. The political impact of the report will depend not just on whether Mr Waldegrave and Sir Nicholas face fresh challenges over the next week, but also on how far the general impression of devious behaviour-sticks. The key will be whether senior Tory MPs, beyond known critics like Richard Shepherd, break ranks, and on the extent of media criticism, if the Tories remain united the two ministers should remain safe, The Government should be helped by the uppurn in the morale of Tory MPS since the new year. If the report had come out last year when the party was in a much more fractious mood, the impact could have been much worse, and it could have been seized upon by Mr Major's critics. As it is, the report looks like battering the structure but leaving it

# Scott ho!

MAKING GOOD his escape from Whitehall. Sir Richard Scott departs this morning for a week's hunting in Ireland. His passion for the chase is undiminished indeed, he insisted on being allowed to continue the dangerous sport before agreeing to take on

His insistence was a risky proposition. Sir Richard is one of the more fearless members of the Mid-Surrey Farmers' Drag-

hounds, and a fall would have jeopardised the report. Riders of average ability would end up in hospital - or worse - if they attempted what Sir Richard takes on in the saddle. In this week's Horse and Hound, the High Court judge Sir Edward Cazalet writes an ode to his ability and lauds the stylish manner in which Scott cleared Pug's Hole - a brute of a fence at Burwash more challenging than



Scott in the saddle: a jump ahead of the pack

As His Lordship sits in judgment And construes an ancient scroll. The Litigants all whisper, That's the Judge who sat Pug's

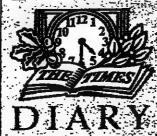
While the likes of William Waldegrave and Sir Nicholas Lyell may curse Sir Richard, the secretary of the Masters of Draghounds, Brian Stern, can only praise the man: "A rider who can jump these kinds of hedges is extremely rare. You have to be extremely brave. Some would consider such feats as reckless.

• Keen young lefties are being invited to apply for a researcher/campaigner job in the classified ads of the New Statesman. The brief is to work for Michael Meacher MP researching "job insecurity". The position is available for just one year.

# Bagman

ROBIN COOK, the Shadow Foreign Secretary who had to lead the assault on the Government over the Scott report after some frenetic speed-reading, had had some practice at impromptu reactions recently at Labour's Europe

Not only was his train delayed so that he arrived in Birmingham hours late, but the bag containing



the speech he was to make was sto len on the journey. Despite the odds, Cook made it to the conference platform before the end of the day's session, and did his bit without anyone noticing anything

# Powell-axed

CARLA POWELL, hot-blooded wife of Baroness Thatcher's former private secretary Sir Charles. has brought Lord Wyatt's dizzy daughter Petronella to book over the Italian male.

Responding to Petsy's extraordinary piece in last week's Spectator claiming that Italian chaps didn't measure up to much, she dashed off a furious letter in support of her countrymen. Men for men, the Italian male

has out-scored his English coun-

terpart throughout history," she

Casanova v -- well who is your choice, Petronella?"

# Ivy league

THERE are worse places to be holed up than in a well-known restaurant during a bomb scare. Yesterday, well-heeled lunchers who had taken refuge from the tedium of the Scott recriminations at the Ivy found themselves

writes. "Machiavelli v Burke? Leo-

nardo v Turner? Palladio v Adam?

Neither entry nor egress was possible as police investigated the problem. Peter Lilley was turned away, while Clive Anderson and Josephine Hart were locked inside. There was compensation though when, in despair at the frustration of diners, the restaurant offered free champagne all round.

# **Ouite unfit**

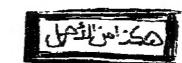
KEEP-FIT NEWS: the singer Cher. hurtling towards her 50th birthday, is said to be stepping out with Matt Dillon, a twenty-something actor still working his way through his first packet of razor

Some might consider this reported union a marvel of biology, a welcome triumph over the forces



of gravity. Not Cindy Adams of the New York Post. Admitting to jealousy, she commented yesterday: "Imean, Cher has garter-belts older than this guy."

● A brace of traffic policemen with the Lothian and Borders force was out on the moors the other day, trapping speeding motorists with a radar gun. Suddenly the gun jammed - permane --- after registering a speed of more than 300 miles per hour. Seconds later a low-flying Harrier jet





# **ROUND ONE**

The Government is not yet Scott-free

Ian Lang picked his way through the Scott damning sentence is in the conclusion. map of the minefield that others. Opposition and press, could not yet have mastered. That advantage will not last for long. Sir Richard found ministers to have acted like fools. He did not, crucially, conclude that they were knaves. No individual will be off the hook for some time yet. On the substance of policy (lest it be forgotten in the furore), Sir Richard concludes unequivocally that the policy on exports to Iraq did change in 1988, and that this change should have been drawn to the attention of Parliament.

Lawyers can, and doubtless will, have a field day with the report's contention that in law, ministers were wrongly advised to sign public interest immunity certificates in the Matrix Churchill case. Certainly, the conduct of government over the Matrix Churchill trial comes in for some trenchant criticism. Ministers were advised both by Treasury lawyers and by the Attorney-General, Sir Nicholas Lyell, that they had a duty to sign public interest immunity (PII) certificates covering documents that would have been useful to the defence. Michael Heseltine believed that these documents ought to be disclosed. He demanded that his PII express his reservations and asked that they be passed on to the prosecution.

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Sir Nicholas, Sir Richard argues, was wrong in principle and in practice: ministers are not under a duty to sign PII certificates, particularly in a criminal trial, if they believe that the public interest requires disclosure. Sir Richard writes, "the view of the law on which the making of the PII class claims in the Matrix Churchill case was based was unsound". The Attorney-General's advice was "based on a fundamental misconception of the principles of PII law".

Sir Nicholas is also found guilty of failing to ensure that Mr Heseltine's reservations were passed on. Here Sir Richard is categoric: "I do not accept that he was not personally at fault . . . I would have expected him to recognise that important constitutional and legal issues were raised by Mr Heseltine's stand and to have ensured that Mr Moses . . . was adequately instructed.\*

For the Government's most senior law officer to be accused of such mistakes is no cause for confidence. Combined with his failure to ensure that Mr. Heseltine's anxieties were communicated, it must seem that the avoidance of political embarrassment was given precedence over the in-

For the Government as a whole, the most supplied, let alone applied the broom.

From the moment that he emerged from hospital last November, it was clear that

President Yeltsin would seek a second term.

Yesterday he confirmed that speculation, an-

nouncing that he had a duty to "consolidate.

all healthy forces and prevent shocks that

could lead to civil war." Gennadi Zyuganov,

the Communist leader, also announced that

he would run, to prevent "the destruction of

our country". Despite the plethora of other

potential candidates, including Vladimir

Zhirinovsky, the June election should be a

Since Mr Yeltsin was elected in 1991;

Russia has experienced change. Market re-form, which first spurted ahead, has sputt-

ered under Viktor Chernomyrdin. But it has

left the bulk of the economy in private hands.

even the Communists do not demand a re-

turn to the monolith of power. Prices have

been freed and most subsidies abolished.

The currency is convertible within Russia

and inflation tamed. The press, though often

All these are achievements: but they are

not irreversible. Too few reforms have been

codified. Criminality has spread into every

reach of life, and private enterprise is too en-

tangled with crime. Monetary stability is

threatened by the lack of fiscal discipline,

and Mr Yeltsin is still too ready to buy social

wage increases to miners, pensioners and

It is the footfall of Gucci rather than the thud

of Plod's size thirteens on Brighton's lanes

that now strikes fear among the town's vil l-

ains. Serena Soames has put the constabul-ary to shame with her DIY detective work.

The wife of the Armed Forces Minister

Nicholas tracked down valuables burgled

from her home and fenced to Lovejoys. Her

success is proof that the great English

writers of detective fiction are right. In a

world of DNA fingerprinting and electronic

surveillance the best way to catch a crook is

Since Sherlock Holmes first doffed his

still to engage an amateur sleuth.

peace by printing money and handing out

intimidated, remains outspoken.

straight fight between the two men.

Political pluralism is now so entrenched that

YELTSIN AGAIN

A two-horse field for the Russian leadership stakes

FLOREAT SERENA

report with the aplomb of one who had a There was, he says, a consistent undervaluing by Government of the public interest that full information should be made available to Parliament. Time and again, the Government "failed to discharge the obligations' imposed by the constitutional principle of Ministerial accountability - a failure which "undermines, in my opinion. the democratic process

The core of the Government's defence, and the source of its relief, is that Sir Richard does clear ministers of "duplications intention". He was prepared to accept that ministers believed, however mistakenly. that "they were avoiding a formal change to the guidelines" announced in 1985 on exports to Iran and Iraq policy. They believed the relaxed interpretation of the guidelines, with respect to Iraq, to be "a justifiable use of the flexibility believed to be inherent in the "guidelines"

In consequence, although he finds that information given by William Waldegrave, the minister whose career has been most centrally in question, "was apt to mislead" and that he "was in a position to know that this was so", he accepts that he did not intend his letters and answers to Parhamentary Questions to be misleading and did not so regard them". The duplicity, he writes, lay in "the flexibility claimed for the guidelines". Crucially not only for Mr Waldegrave but for the Government, the report concludes that had he known that the machine tools exported to Iraq were for military use, "he would not have given way".

Labour had a difficult time yesterday. Its central accusations - that ministers conspired to mislead Parliament, that they operated a cover-up by "gagging orders" in the Matrix Churchill case and that Mr Waldegrave was as complicitous as Alan Clark in nods and winks that let exports with military uses reach Iraq - do not on an initial reading appear to stand. Dishonesty, however, is not the only issue. In page after page, ministers and officials are charged with incompetence and, even more damagingly, with a cavalier attitude to

report is likely to be judged most important and most disappointing. The report reads like more like a lawyer's brief than a guide to better government. Its recommendations are disappointingly narrow and technical. The light shone into Whitehall has revealed many murky corridors; but it has not

others. Mr Zyuganov may not lead his

country back to Stalinism, but he could halt

the change and revive the old ways of

There are many reasons why Mr Yeltsin

does not deserve a second term. His health is

so poor that, like Brezhnev, he is now

virtually a prisoner of his doctors and self-

seeking Kremlin aides. He has made

spectacular miscalculations, notably in

Chechenia, and is trying to exonerate

himself by pandering to nationalists while

blaming underlings. He has retreated so far

from reform that he no longer is a real

advocate of the unfinished revolution. And

by running again, he perpetuates the example of a Kremlin politician unable to

And yet Mr Yeltsin remains the only man

nominally committed to a post-communist

order who has any chance of success. He has

appointed men, such as his Foreign Min-

ister, who may hark back to nationalist com-

munism, but who so far have co-operated

soberly with the West. He is, at heart, a

democrat, however bearish his behaviour.

The West has learnt to do business with him.

Yet it would be wrong to count on his return:

Western politicians must work with whom-

ever is elected. Open backing for Mr Yeltsin

may indeed be counter-productive in this

nationalist age. But, faute de mieux, if it is a

choice of Yeltsin or Zyuganov, the West has

no difficulty in making its preference clear.

political intimidation.

leave office gracefully.

accountability. This is where, in the longer term, the Scott

# From Dr Alastair J. Baker

your article on an infant suffering neonatal jaundice whose parents believe her to have been cured by Chinese

patologists responsible for the investigation and care of the child in question I know that the management of her case was along lines which would be regarded as conventional in any centre practising modern medicine throughout the world.

No sensible doctor would dismiss to properly designed scientific scru-tiny. No Chinese herb or medicine has such medicine is widely recognised

Yours faithfully. A.J. BAKER (Consultant Paediatric Hepatologist),

Sir, Doubtless large numbers of people claim to feel better after indulging in aromatherapy, reflexology and similar pursuits, as your leading article ("The healing touch", February 5) indicates: but does this mean that these should be provided free? Obviously those who wish to pay for such

viously those who wish to pay for such activities should not be discouraged from doing so.

Quite rightly, it is now perceived that all NHS provision should be scrutinised for efficiency and safety. It is certainly not time to give carte blanche to a whole host of nebulous therapies which have not passed simi-

Yours sincerely, DAVID CROSBY (Chairman), Cardiff Community Healthcare Trenewydd, Fairwater Road, Llandaff, Cardiff 5. . .

# Cricket dilemma

From Mr Jim Dutton

Sir, The dilemma facing the cricket authorities over the World Cup fixtures scheduled for Colombo (report, Sport, February 13; see also letters, February 7, 8) is in stark contrast to a somewhat similar crisis 27 years ago.

In January 1969 I had occasion as Acting High Commissioner to entertain to dinner some members of the MCC party visiting Ceylon (as it then was) in preparation for a Test series in Pakistan, Colin Cowdrey was the MCC captain and no doubt remembers the occasion.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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From Lord Jenkins of Hillhead. OM

Sir, The reform of the House of Lords

fletters, February 9 and 13) is and has

long been a difficult and clusive mat-

ter. It can be argued that, even as at

present constituted, the second cham-

ber exhibits more signs of both health

and independence as a constitutional

organ than does today's House of

It is however marred not merely by logical indefensibility (which should not be given too much weight) but by

the dreary willingness of a big reserve

tank of hereditary Conservatives to al-

low themselves to be from time to time

whitteed against wisdom, as with the

poll tax, or in favour of some of Mr

Michael Howard's knee-jerk propo-

It will nonetheless require an unu-

sual deadliness of aim to produce a

new chamber which combines the vir-

tues of the old with a new political fair-

ness without making it the biggest of

find nonsensical is the attempt by the

Despite these qualifications, what I

Commons. ..

### Maternity as free service on NHS

From Dr Paul Crawford Walker

Sir, I was smazed to read your report today that an unnamed health authority has, apparently, agreed to fund a surrogate pregnancy from the public

As a former Director of Public. Health, responsible for advising my own health authority what health services it should purchase under the then new internal market arrangements in the NHS, I advised in 1992 that it should not purchase so-called assisted conception procedures such as IVF and GIFT. The grounds were that these procedures were expensive and did not confer any measurable health benefits.

The same arguments can be applied with even greater force to surrogate pregnancy. They could also, it should be noted, be applied to natural pregnancy, leading to the obvious question of why should the NHS provide free maternity care?

It is possible, I believe, to argue that health is a fundamental human right and that therefore a civilised society should protect, promote and restore it as a publicly financed collective good. There is of course the corresponding duty on individuals to do all they reasonably can to protect, promote and restore their own health. I do not consider, however, that having children is a fundamental human right requiring an equivalent collective response.

In lifty years time we will look upon the notion that having children is such a right with the same puzzlement with which we now regard the view, once enshrined in law, that wives were merely chattels.

In the meantime, we must make a start somewhere to promote this new enlightened ethical framework. Denying publicly funded surrogate pregnancy seems as good a place as any. Yours sincerely.

P. C. WALKER (Director of Public Health, Norwich Health Authority, 1989-93), 8 Church Avenue. Sneyd Park, Bristol, Avon. February 13.

# Medicine and therapy

Sir. I read with interest and concern

medicine "Little Amber's Chinese cure", Body and Mind, February 6: see also letters, February 8, 13).

As one of the team of paediatric he-

out of hand the potential pharmacological value of any type of treatment, including Chinese medicine; however, the value of such treatment can only be accepted once it has been subjected been proven to have any beneficial effect whatsoever on any form of neonatal jaundice. The potential toxicity of and its risks must be considerably greater in new-born children.

Any parent who seeks management of an infant with jaundice by Chinese medicine to the exclusion of conventional medical care, takes a very grave risk with the life and wellbeing of the

King's College Hospital, Denmark Hill, SE5.

From Mr D. L. Crosby

After the meal we listened to a modest portable radio on which it was just especially when the gentlemen are ladies. possible to hear that serious rioting to sit and vote in the House of Lords". 3. In 1911 Lord Lansdowne, the Conservative Leader in the Lords, moved a Bill to restrict the number of hereditaries to 150 (in a House of 350), elected by the others from specified categories which included ex-Ministers, former vicerovs, governors, high commissioners, ambassadors, and privy counsellors. This seems to me remark-

Lords reform: the barbarians are not yet at the gate

bishop of Canterbury.

I cite six occasions in this century:

1. In 1907 Lord Newton, a prominent

Conservative peer, brought forward a

proposal which involved eliminating

three quarters of the hereditary peers

from the House of Lords. It was sup-

ported by the Dukes of Devonshire

and Northumberland and the Arch-

2 In 1910 Lord Rosebery (never nomi-

nally a Conservative, but already so far to the right as to make Sir John

Simon, a leading Liberal of the next

generation, appear a flaming radical)

proposed a measure of reform of

which "a necessary preliminary" was

that "the possession of a peerage

should no longer of itself give the right

ably close to the likely outcome of Government and others to portray what is currently proposed. proposals to restrain the right to sit 4. In the Parliament Act of that year and vote of hereditary peers as a constitutional monstrosity, a sign of barthe preamble stated the intention "to barians at the gate, and an underminsubstitute for the House of Lords as it at present exists a Second Chamber ing of the defences of the monarchy. constituted on a popular instead of a This is typical of the unhistorical ignorance which characterises so much hereditary basis". government thought, from the Prime

5. In 1933, this preamble having remained an aspiration, that notable revolutionary, the fourth Marquess of Salisbury, brought forward another plan to reduce the number of hereditaries to 150,

6. In 1967-68 Lords Carrington and Jellicoe (Conservative Leader and Deputy Leader in the Lords), together with Jain Macleod, agreed to an all-party scheme by which existing hereditaries would lose their right to vote and their successors the right to sit. Only the unholy alliance of Michael Foot and Enoch Powell prevented this scheme becoming law.

This long chronicle may on the one hand be taken as an illustration of how reforming the Lords is as difficult as grasping an eel; on the other it exposes the farce of the modern Conservative Party treating the invasion of the hereditary principle as a dastardly depredation.

I find it increasingly difficult to understand the curious dichotomy by which that party on the one hand threatens so many established institutions which work well, from HMSO to the Post Office to Civil Service recruitment, and on the other gathers up its skirts in horror at any change in our constitutional arrangements, which on the whole have come to

Yours faithfully, ROY JENKINS. House of Lords. February 13.

work badly.

### Right to silence

Minister downwards.

From Mr Piers Ashworth, QC

Sir, Some sections of the media are eager to portray decisions of the European Court of Human Rights as de-feats for British justice. Those deci-sions that uphold British law sometimes receive less attention. Such was the Murray v United Kingdom case ('Republican wins £15,000 from human rights court"; also Law Report, February 9).

It is true that the court held that denial of access to a solicitor for 48 hours was a breach of the Convention. and this was the part of the decision highlighted in the media. But this was a minor element in the

judgment: indeed on the facts of the case it was almost an irrelevance as the applicant had maintained his silence both before and after access to a solicitor, and the court awarded no compensation (and only about one quarter of his costs).

The important element of the decision was that the court upheld the right of a judge or jury to draw adlence in situations which clearly called February 12.

for an explanation from him. This was a novel principle that was introduced generally into our criminal law only two years ago (in Northern Ireland some years previously) in the face of considerable opposition (letters, October 9, 14, 1993).

The opponents of the legislation maintained that it was unfair and infringed an accused's "fundamental" right to silence. The European Court of Human Rights has, according to your Law Report, now made it clear that the right to silence is not an absolute right and that drawing inferences from silence in appropriate circumstances is only "a matter of common sense" and "could not be regarded as unfair or unreasonable in the circumstances"

It is indeed a triumph for British iustice when a court, which many see as excessively liberal, upholds as fair and reasonable commonsense principles which go some way to redressing the balance between criminal and vic-

Yours faithfully. PIERS ASHWORTH.

# Countryside pursuits

From the Chief Executive of the British Field Sports Society

Sir, I know that I can speak on behalf of the 5 million country sports sup-porters in lauding the letter from Messrs Major, Blair and Ashdown (February 9; see also letters, February 12 and 15). However, I hope the leaders' sentiments will now be emulated by their fellow MPs.

As your excellent leading article, Three countrymen (February 9) pointed out, by "advocating the protection of our countryside in its rich personality and character" our politicians must recognise the vital role that country sports play in managing and maintaining rural

It is no coincidence that 70 per cent of all new woodland planting on farms in England and Wales is for sporting purposes, that rivers frequented by anglers are kept healthy and pollution-free, or that we have the healthiest herd of red deer on Exmoor, an area whose culture is centred around deer hunting.

Yours faithfully, ROBIN HANBURY-TENISON, Chief Executive, British Field Sports Society, 59 Kennington Road, SEI. February 9.

From the Chairman of the Executive Committee, League Against Cruei Sports

Sir. Contrary to your leader of February 9, support for a ban on fox hunting is not merely a "modish metropolitan enthusiasm".

A Gallup poll published in November 1991 revealed that 77 per cent of rural residents would approve if Parliament outlawed foxhunting — only 2 per cent less than the nationwide support for a ban.

Yours sincerely, JOHN COOPER, Chairman, Executive Committee, League Against Cruel Sports. Sparling House, 83-87 Union Street, SEL

# Indian child labour

From Mr Kevan Bundell

Sir, Your report of February 3, "Drive to ban child labour makes India poor poorer", makes no mention of the main problem, adult unemployment. While children are weaving carpets in northern India, many of their parents are unemployed or under-employed, working only odd days as farm labourers or breaking stones in the quar-

The South Asian Coalition on Child Servitude (SACCS), supported by Christian Aid, believes that it is child labour which triggers a cycle of illiteracy, indebtedness, indignity and pov-

Adult unemployment leads to pov-erty; poverty leads to child labour;

had broken out in Pakistan. Discus-

sion ensued on whether there was suf-

ficient potential danger to life and

limb to warrant crying off from the

One of my guests, who shall be

nameless, was particularly loath to

go, and in the light of what subse-quently happened in Lahore it is diffi-

cult in retrospect to blame him. But in

the event the consensus was that the

Letters for publication should carry

contact telephone numbers. We

regret that we cannot accept

letters by telephone but they may be sent by fax to 0171-782 5046.

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next stage of the tour.

tion and stunted physical and mental growth, which in turn lead to unemployment in adulthood. This vicious circle is the reason why

child labour results in lack of educa-

SACCS is promoting the Rugmark la-bels on exported Indian carpets. Contrary to the impression given in your report, we believe that the scheme can make a significant contribution to ending the abuse of child labour in the carpet industry and that it points the way to reducing child exploitation

Yours faithfully, **KEVAN BUNDELL** (Senior Programme Officer, South Asia Team), Christian Aid. PO Box 100, London SEI 7RT. February 7.

vital decision could be left to the authorities concerned, namely Lord's and our High Commissioner in Karachi, and all the party duly went, personal feelings thus being suppressed for the

greater good. History reveals that if the decision of the authorities to proceed with the tour proved to be mistaken, there was never, despite all the mayhem, any serious threat to the cricketers themselves. The worst personal injury suffered was to the personal pride of Alan Knott who was denied a maiden century by one run.

Yours truly. JIM DUITON, Cockerhurst, Tyrrells Wood, Leatherhead, Surrey. February 13.

### Questions of race

From Mrs Rosemary Charles

Sir, When news of trouble attributed to race starts coming from supposedly tranquil Somerset (report, February 6) perhaps we should consider where such divisions originate.

I have recently been asked to state my ethnic origin (I have refused) when applying for an office job, joining an adult education day-class and - unbelievably — by the Guide Associa-tion. I would suggest that only qualifications and experience are relevant in the first case, the ability to pay in the second, and willingness to give time and commitment in the third. Although one could argue about further details, the place of birth of my ancestors is, or should be, irrelevant.

The organisations demanding this information are doing nothing but increase division by giving it some sort of official validation.

Yours faithfully, R. E. CHARLES. 6 Bridewell Street Wymondham, Norfolk.

# Convoy lore

From Commodore Paul Branscombe, RN

Sir. I have been pondering Chancellor Kohl's analogy of a convoy (letters. February 7 and 9) and the general lessons that might be drawn from it for the European Community.

It was a deeply reactionary and prejudiced Admiralty which initially opposed convoys; proponents represent-ed more dynamic naval thinking. backed by scientific analysis.

The convoy's speed was not itself the key. It was the ability to concentrate scarce escort vessels that proved decisive. Even then complete safety was not assured — serious losses still occurred in the body of the convoy as well as to stragglers.

Furthermore, the tragic scattering in 1942 of the Arctic convoy, PQ17. demonstrated the catastrophic result of panic decisions by top leadership in isolation.

Eurosceptics may like to recall that large liners, most of them proudly bearing royal names and Americabound, sailed alone at top speed and almost always went unscathed.

Yours faithfully, PAUL BRANSCOMBE. Ministry of Defence, Quay House. The Ambury, Bath, Avon.

# Floral tributes

From Mrs Rosemary Stevens

Sir, I would rather my nearest and dearest give me flowers while I am alive and able to enjoy them (letters. February I, 8, 9, 15). On the occasions when I have visited my local crematorium and seen the masses of flowers laid out by the undertakers. I have wondered whether the recently departed had ever received such beautiful flowers during their lifetimes.

Yours sincerely. ROSEMARY STEVENS. 48 Thurlestone Road, Ruislip, Middlesex. February 9.

# Many thanks

From Mrs Helen Corkery

Sir. Better late than never, a letter arrived this morning from a five-yearold, thanking me for a lovely Christmas present and wishing me a Happy New Year. Remembering that a round of thank-you letters is a hard task for the young I was much impressed.

Later I realised that it was a photocopy with my name added in pencil.

Yours faithfully. HELEN CORKERY, 52 Harrison Close, Woodlands, Reigate, Surrey,

deerstalker to Lestrade of the Yard it has been the private eye who has had the edge over the State's men. Lord Peter Wimsey and Harriet Vane, in their urbanity almost the equals of Nicholas and Serena Soames, bossed a better clean-up rate than the West Midlands Serious Crime Squad Miss Marple dealt with suspicious deaths in St Mary Mead - which gave the village a higher murder rate than downtown LA without so much as dropping a stitch. Hercule Poirot and Albert Campion struck fear into the black hearts of any country 

Amateurism in the pursuit of villains is no vice house killer. Now the mention of Serena Soames's name should induce a tremble in

the fingers of any country house burglar. Amateur gumshoes bring talents to the apprehension of criminals that elude the professionals of Scotland Yard. Father Brown's insights into men's immortal souls yielded better clues than the imprints of their perishable soles. A practised huntswoman, Mrs Soames brought the virtues of the hunting field to the pursuit of her cherished oak bootjack. Determination, a love of the chase and a willingness to carry on when the trail went cold helped the countrywoman smiff out the swag the urban force failed to find. What better school of character can there be than the saddle, what better teacher

of persistence than wily Reynard? Fuddy-duddies argue that leaving law and order to the layman encourages the vigilante, but Mrs Soames's success proves you should not look a gifted horsewoman in the mouth. The first place in the fight against crime must go to the police, but room should still be made for the gifted amateur. The British always prefer gentleman to players,



# **COURT CIRCULAR**

Senate House, Malet Street,

February I5: Mr William Tallon today had the honour of being received by Queen Elizabeth The

Queen Mother when Her Majesty. on behalf of The Queen, decorated

him with a Bar to the Royal Victorian Medal (Silver).

Mr Michael Sealey also had the honour of being received by Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother than the Major on behalf of

when Her Majesty, on behalf of The Queen, decorated him with a Bar to the Royal Victorian Medal

February 15: This morning The Prince of Wales, President. The

Prince's Trust, received the Exec-utive Director (Mr Tom

Shebbearej and, as President, Business in the Community, re-

ceived the Chief Executive (Miss Julia Cleverdon),

February 15: The Duke of Kent,

Honorary Air Vice-Marshal, this morning visited Royal Air Force St Athan, Barry, South Glamorgan.
His Royal Highness this evening attended a concert in support of the World Monuments Fund in Political Concerns Living St

Britain, at Spencer House, St James's Place, London SW1

The Duchess of Kent, Patron

UNICEF, this morning visited the Social Welfare Centre, Balhadi

Lumbini Baug and the Lumbini Baug Municipal School, Bombay,

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**BUCKINGHAM PALACE** February 15: His Excellency Mr Ronald Sanders was received in audience by The Queen upon his appointment as High Commis-sioner for Antigua and Barbuda in

Mrs Sanders was also received

by Her Majesty.
Captain Edward Macfarlane was received by The Queen upon relinquishing his appointment as Temporary Equerry to Her

Majesty. Mr Justice Langley was received by The Queen upon his appointment as a Justice of the High Court when Her Majesty conferred upon him the honour of Knighthood and invested him with the Insignia of a

The Queen, Air Commodore in-Chief, Royal Air Force Regiment, received Air Commodore Timothy Thorn upon relinquishing his appointment as Commandant General and Air Commodore lan McNeil upon assuming the appointment

BUCKINGHAM PALACE February 15: The Princess Royal, Patron, this afternoon visited British Universities Sports Association

Landon SEL Her Royal Highness, Chan-cellor, University of London, later attended a presentation ceremony for external students at the Bar bican Centre. Silk Street, London

The Princess Royal, Chancellor. University of London, this evening attended a Reception for external

and the Duke of Edinburgh will visit the Almshouses Hospital of

Holy Trinity at 10.45; the Arts and

Leisure Complex, Croydon Clocktower, at 11.15; and Old

Palace School at 12.30. The Queen will visit Whitgift School at 11.45 and will visit Whitgift House Care Home for the Elderly at 12.05.

The Duke of Edinburgh will visit

Prince Edward, as Trustee of The

Duke of Edinburgh's Award, will visit Consolidated Financial In-surance, Vantage West, Great

West Road, West London, at 3.45.

The Duke of Kent, Patron, the

National Army Museum, will visit the special exhibition "Bonnie

Prince Charlie - Fact and Fiction".
Royal Hospital Road, SW3, at 10.30.

Trinity School at 11.45.

Today's royal

engagements

### The Earl of Warwick

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will visit Croydon, to mark the 400th anniversary of the Whitgift Foundation. The Queen A Memorial Service will be held at St Mary's, Warwick, on Monday. February 19. at 12.15pm. Travel Arrangements: A train departs Marylebone at 9.45am and arrives at Warwick at 11.36am. A coach will be waiting at Warwick station to take people to the church and return them after the service. Parking is available at St Nicholas' car park opposite the Castle Gates

### Professor Ernest Geliner

A Memorial Service for Professor Ernest Geliner will be held in King's College Chapel on Sat-urday, February 24, 1996, at 2.30pm. Those planning to attend are asked to inform the Vice-Provost's Secretary, King's College, Cambridge, CB2 IST. Tea will be served in the Main Hall after the service.

# Аррошинен

Today's events Commander Colin James Balfour to be Vice Lord-Lieutenant of The Queen's Life Guard mounts at Horse Guards at 11.00.

# Today's birthdays

Mr P.E.R. Bailey, former director. Gatwick and Stansted Airports, 71; Mr Paul Bailey, novelist, 59; Mr Iain Banks, author, 42; Mr James Beaton, GC 53; Professor Robin thur Crook, former Editor, The Times Literary Supplement, 84: Mr F.G.R. Curning, painter, 66: Sir Anthony Dowell, ballet dancer, director, Royal Ballet, 53: Mr David Emms, former director, London Goodenough Trust for Overseas Graduates, 71: Professor J.R. Farndon, consultant surgeon, 50: Mr David Griffiths, portrait

painter, 57; Mr Peter Hain, MP, 46; Professor Jack Levy, mechani-cal engineer. 70; Mr John McEnroe, tennis player, 37; Sir Maitland Mackie, former Lord Lieutenant of Aberdeenshire, 54; Sir Michael Milme-Watson, former chairman, BUPA, 86; Mr J.D. Moore, Headmaster, St Dunstan's College, 53: Mr Peter Porter, poet, 67: Mr John Schlesinger, film director, 70: Sir James Swaffield, former director-general and Clerk to the GLC. 72: Dr J. Tobin, anaesthetist, 82: Sir Peter Webster, former High Court Judge, 72.



An "Arcadia" biscuit tin from Huntley and Palmers which is expected to sell at auction for £200-£300

# Tins that take the biscuit

MORE than 300 Huntley and Palmers biscuit tins, dating from 1868 to 1940, are to be auctioned at Christie's South Kensington on May 17. The collection, put together over 20 years, is expected to sell for more than £50,000. with individual tins making £2,000 or more. The biscuit firm's first printed tin appeared in 1868 when the company became biscuit suppliers to Queen Victoria. It was followed over the years by decorative tins for Christ-

**Buckingham Palace** 

The Queen and the Duke of

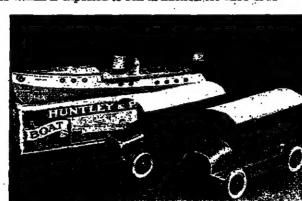
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mas, sporting tins showing golf, polo, rowing and hunt-ing tins shaped like boats tins with windmills and clocks, and tins that doubled as toys. Others featured children, flowers, birds, landscapes and even fire brigades. Famous people were shown. including members of the Royal Family, while other tins marked coronations and jubilees. A highlight of the collection are two model delivery vans, one actually loaded with tiny biscuit tins.



A mixed assortment — including a boat tin from 1920 with an estimated value of more than £2,000

# **Institute of Chartered Secretaries** and Administrators

Edinburgh yesterday held a lun-cheon party at Buckingham Palcheon party at Buckingham Pal-ace. The guests were
MS Heather Du Queenay (Director of Education. Herifordshire County
Councill, Miss Patricia Routledge
(actress), Mr Lew Atlants (general sec-retary, Associated Society of Locomo-rive Englineers and Fremen — ASLEF),
Mr Fred Broughton (chairman, Police Pederation of England and Wales),
Professor Sir Renneth Calman (chief medical officer, Department of Health), Mr Richard Eyre (artistic director, Royal National Theatre), Mr Edwin Parcerson (chief fire officer, Nothinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service) and Mr Rodney Walker (chairman, The Soners Council) Examination results December 1995: Abevagoons ekara, R A: Abhayapala, A.K.; Adamson, R.P.C.; Ade-koya, O.O.; Adelaja, A.O.; Akock, H. J; Alexander, J; Allen, J M; Allsopp. N J: Amao. J D: Amera-singhe, F D J: Ameney-Hoare, N M; Armit, T: Aramugam, S S; Auw Chu-Chu, E: Bukili, O H S; Ball, J A S; Barrett, F M; Barrett, I D; cheider. T J. Bennett. T Bonner, F D A; Bowen, L; Bradbury, H J; Breese, S M; Brice, V L; Bridgemohan, S; Buckingham, L E; Bucksey, L F; Burryan, A J P; Burrows, D R G; Busby, R; Cera-man, A R M; Chalk, J; Chia Lee The Hon Nicholas Soames, Minister of State for the Armed Forces, and Field Marshal Sir Peter Inge, Chief of the Defence Staff, were the Cheng: Church, L.; Churchill-Cole-man, W J; Cohen, M J; Collier, C L; Conlon, M.T. Couturier, S. Cox, S. A. Craddock, D. Crompton, J. P. Cryan, J. M. Cullen, L. M. Curtis-Hayward, E G: Cusack, M J; Czarnezki, D E; Dawson, H; De

hosts yesterday at a luncheon given by Her Majesty's Govern-ment at Admiralty House in honour of General Jean Boyle, Chief of Defence Staff, Canada. Motte, T.L. Debrah, B.A. Deely, H.: Dickson, V.: Dixon, O.F. Doban, P. V.: Dover, C.J.: Doyle, P.J.; Durber, S.: Dyke, A.B.: Drandu, P.Y.; East-wood, J.P.; Ellis, S.J.; Faragher, J.A.; Canada-UK Chamber Mr Ronald D. Southern was the guest of honour and speaker at a luncheon of the Canada-United Kingdom Chamber of Commerce held yesterday at Painter-Stainers'
Hall. Mr Mike Chapman, vicepresident, was in the chair. The
Canadian High Commissioner
and the Agent General for British
Columbia were present. Gill, J D; Gillies, S M S; Gomm, J E: Goonetilleke, D J A; Gordon, R E: Gosling, G S J; Greaves, R C; Grimes, C: Grocott, C M T; Guilbert, C S; Gysin, C E; Hagger-

ston, G S; Haley, S D; Hallgate-Hills, E A; Halsey, M J B; Hammond, A Y H; Hamon, J S; Hanna, B A; Hardman, A I; Haynes, L; Hazelden, K; Hickey, C; Hickey, L J; Hodgson, N R; Holderoft, L N; Holdip, M P; Hope, T; Howell, C A; Hoy, D T; Hulme, S M; Hyde, L C N; Irwin, M P; Ismail, F A; Iyamabo, F B; Jagram, T : James, C A; Jarrett, M F: Jarvis, K W: Seng, M R: Solly, K L: Jones, I D: Jones, K.L: Jones, R E: Jones, S: Juleff-Tranter, I; Kaushal, R K; Keaney, S; Kilgal-len, S P; King, J; Kularathne, K S R; Kuti, O O; Lacey, M R; Lakidi, M A; Lawrie, E J; Lawson, N J;

Lewis, B: Lewis, I R: Lewis, J M: Lewis, KJ; Ling, E L K; Liyanaara-chchi, C L K; Lloyd, A N; Login, B; Lyon, S R; MacAshun, R; MacQueen, A L; Maguire, A E O; Mahadoo, B; Maher, M A; Ma-kuch, J A S; Mallon, P; Mamtora, K: Marsh. M; Marsh. W P; Marson, A J; Massey, K J; McMorrow, C A; McCall, M A; McEvoy, C B; McFerran, E L; McGonigle, B J; McGuire, J D D; McKenna. M; Mendis, D; Met-calfe, H E; Meyrick, H I; Mhaka, I; Miller, M M; Miller, T A; Moriey, A S; Mudalige, S C; Mugenyi, J V T; Mugenyi, Y; Murray, H; Muti-bwa. A M; Mwakamui, M; Myer-son, J; Ndoro, M T; Neehaul, I K;

Nelligan, T M; Ng'Ambi, T A; Nicol, E; Noronha, A J; Norris, T M; Nsiah-Boateng, J; O'Dono ghue, PJ; O'Donovan, MT; O'Sullivan, N M; Okuroummu, Y; Oldroyd, J P. Olimnsh, M I; Onyearusi, J J; Oree, M L A; Os-borne, G A; Ottey, J; Ordey, D R; Parmayah, S L; Parkes, K E E; Peel, G R; Perera; M-A; Perry, F-R; Quarrey, R M; Ralston, P C; Ram-C P. Randall, D C. Randle, A O. Rees, A J; Renault, C F; Reviakin, S: Rice, D M J; Richmond-Smith, C S; Riddle, J; Robertson, L J; Rothwell, N; Roussety, M N Y; Ruddick, H J; Salisbury, L Y C; Ruddick, H J; Salisbury, L Y C; Samah, E M; Saunders, M; Scandrett, A L; Searle, T R; Seaver, P J; Seddon, A H; Seneviratne-Studds, S M K; Shareef, F; Sherwood, K E; Shirley, J M; Smerdon, T L; Smyth, V J; Stenislaus, T C; Steers, M; Stewart, L P; Stone, R M; Stonelake, S C; Sudarshan, S; Syvret, R A; Tashobya, S; Taylor, A; Taylor, Y F; Teoh Koon Poh; Thomas, M; Thornton, A R; Toach, A R; Toudic, M J; Turner, S W V; Utuka, E A; Wardley, P M; W V; (Ituka, E A; Wardley, P M; Wurfield, M T; Whiffen, R; White, J J: Wijeyeratne de Silva, S V P. Williams, A W; Williams, M J; Williams, R.R.; Wilson, J.M.; Wilson, W.J.; Wong Lai Han, S.; Worthington, P.F.; Wyn, M.; Young, I.

# Service dinner

Corps of Royal Engineers General Sir John Stibbon, Chief Royal Engineer, presided at a Corps guest night dinner held last night at the Royal Engineers' Headquarters, Chatham. The Bishop of Rochester, the Honorary Colonel of 71 (Scottish) Engineer Regiment (Volunteers), the Master of the Masons' Company, the inspector General Training and the Engineer-in-Chief of the Polish Army were among the guests.

### Dinners British Academy of Forensic

Lord Williams of Mostyn, QC, and Miss Ann Cirnow, QC, were the speakers at a Friends dinner of the British Academy of Forensic Sciences held last night at the Law Society. Judge Ann Goddard, QC,

sociation of Con

Engineers Mr John Bowcock, Chairman of the Association of Consulting En-gineers, presided at the annual dinner held last night at the London Hilton on Park Lane. Mr John Armitt, Chief Executive of Union Railways, and Mr Chris-topher Martin-Jenkins also spoke. City and Guilds College

Sir William Barlow. President of the Royal Academy of Engineering, was the guest of benour and speaker at the annual dinner of the City and Guilds College Association held last night at Carpenters'
Hall, Professor Bruce Sayers presided. Dr Alan Rudge, Chairman
of the Engineering and Physical
Sciences Research Council, also

### Royal Astronomical Society

The Royal Astronomical Society has made the following awards: Gold Medais: Dr vera C Rubin of the Carnegle Institution, Washington: Professor Renneth M. Creter of the University of Edinburgh. The Eddington Medal: Professor

### Middle Temple

The following have been elected. Masters of the Bench: Miss Anna Worrall, QC, Mr John Slater, QC, Mr Stephen Lloyd and Miss Belinda Bucknall, QC.

### University news

Lord Slynn of Hadley has been ed Visitor of the university in succession to Lord Templeman.

# **Forthcoming** marriages

Mr J.S. Beale and Miss C.R. Asquith The engagement is announced between John, son of Mr A. Beale of Poole Dorset, and of Mrs L.S. Abbott. of Charlton Marshall, Dorset, and Charlotte, daughter of Mr J.S. Asquith, of Kyre, Tenbury Wells, Worcestershire, and Mrs J.G. Lawrence, of Tenbury Wells,

Mr P.N. Bradbern and Miss D.S. Morland The engagement is amounted between Peter, younger son of Mr and Mrs J. Bradburn, of Reading, and Sally, elder daughter of the late Mr E. Morland, and of Mrs J.E. Morland, of Macelesfield.

Major A.T. Cayley and Miss A.M. Maracic The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mr and Mrs' Granville Cayley, of Sompting, West Sussex, and Andrea, daughter of Mr and Mrs Militovil Malacie, of Haverford,

Pennsylvania. Mr T.J. Hamilton-Miller and Miss N.J. Petre The engagement is announced between Timothy James, only son of Professor and Mrs J. Hamilton-Miller, of Twickenham, and

Nathalie Jean, only daughter of Mr and Mrs M.B. Petre, of West Mr A. Linforth

The engagement is announced between Advism, eldest son of Mr and Mrs R. Linforth, of Boughton, Kent, and Katherine, daughter of Mr and Mrs P.O. Baily, of Iden, Mr J.M. Ormerod

and Mrs P.H.E. Gross The engagement is announced between John Ormerod and Pa-Helena Gross. Mr M.L. Porter

and Miss C.M. Elthon The engagement is announced between Michael Ian Porter, of William F. Porter and of Mrs Eileen Porter, of Bexhill-on-Sea, and Clare Madeline, only daugh-ter of Mr and Mrs John G. Billiam, of Cheltenham. Mr P.J.H. Ralls

and Miss T.A. Clark The engagement is announced between Peter, son of Mrs Sybil White, of Hanaper House, The Mount, Yarmouth, Isle of Wight, and the late Mr LJ.D. Ralls, and Tonia, daughter of Mr and Mrs G.E. Clark, of Clareville, Sydney,

Mr N.A. Susaman and Miss M.L. Gordon The engagement is announced between Neal, son of Mr and Mrs Leslie Sussman, and Meg. daugh-ter of Mr and Mrs Alan Francis

# **Anniversaries**

BIRTHS: Philipp Melanchthon, ten by Nicholas Vanacker, 1659. The Athenaeum was founded, 1497; Giambatiista Bodoni, tyne 1824. Heinrich Barth, North African explorer, Hamburg, 1821; Sir Franexplorer, Hamburg, 1821; Sir Fran-cis Gallon, anthropologist and geneticist, Birmingham, 1822; Ernst Haeckel, biologist, Potsdam, 1834; Henry Brook Adams, his-torian, Boston, Massachuseus, 1838; George Macaulay Trevelyan, historian, Welcombe, Warwick-shire, 1876; Robert Flaherty, film director, Michigan, 1884. DEATHS: Richard Mead, pity-sician, London, 1754; Lionel Lukin, life boai pioneer, Hythe, Kent.

life boat pioneer, Hythe, Kent, 1834; Elisha Kane, physician and arctic explorer, Havana, 1857; Henry Walter Bates, naturalist and South American explorer, London, 1892; Giosué Carducci, poet, Nobel barreate 1906, Bo-logna, 1907; Lestie Hore-Belisha, 1st Baron Hore-Belisha, statesman and inventor of "belisha beacons". Rheims, 1957.

The first British cheque was writ-

The American nuclear submarine USS Triton set off on an under-water round-the-world voyage.

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### Diplomatic Service Mr Robert Dewar to be Ambas-

sador to Madagascar, from mid-April, in succession to Mr Peter Smith Mr William Fullerton to be Ambassador (non-resident) to Mauritania, from early April, in succession to Sir Allan Ramsay who will be retiring from the

Diplomatic Service. Mr Peter Smith to be High. Commissioner to Lesotho, from early April, in succession to Mir Roy Cowling who will be moving to a new Diplomatic Service.

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BIRTHS

BATES - On February 14th, to Susan (née Thrush) and Tony, a daughter, Charlotte Eitzabeth, a sister for

Rebecca.

BONEY - On 14th February 1996. Stephen and Julie were blessed by the birth of our son Nicholes Stephen, at St. Paul's Hospital. Cheitenham. 25". 8the foz. "Yours is the earth and everything ther's in It. and a man, my son".

CLARKSON - On 26th January, to Penelope (nie Taylor) and Roderith, a son. Jonah Druttmond, a brother for Bamuoi, Conrad and

MAMMOND - On 28th January, to Sarab (née Elucti) and Ian. a son. Thomas George, a brother for Emma.

for prima.

KONG - On February 12th
1996 at Royal Surrey
County Hospital, to Nicola
tule Riley) and David, a son.
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Oliver Sanford,
PROWIE - On Pehrunty 8th.
1996. to Maryclare (née Cundife) and Johnon. a son.
James Edward, a brother for Tom and Grorgina.
REFIDELL - On February 9th.
1996. to Jayne (née Hamilton) and Michael, a son. James Richard Boyd.
ROWE - Judy. Son Water. STANLEY - On 31st Jamesry to Fanny and Sharm. Theo Pelez, 2 broti Joshua and Isabelle.

WAITE - On 13th January, to

Justy and Bill, a daughter Sasha Ophella Rose.

DEATHS Tuesday 13th Pebruary.
Funeral Service 9.30 am
Thursday 22nd February at
Holy Angels, Ash. near
Aldershot, Hands, Flowers to
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Hants, or donations to St
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Trusters. DEATHS MOUGH - John O.H. CB

EMERCUEN - John O.H., Ch. CHE on Thursday, 15th February. Much loved husband of Suzame. Lowing father, grandfather and brother. Private cremation. Memorial service to be advised. No flowers. Donations, if desired, to Moore Cottage Hospital, Bourton-on-the-Water. (Souccestarbire.)

Bourton-on-the-Water.
Gloucestershire.
CAMEY - Suddenly on
February 11th 1996 in
Pennsylvania. USA. Peter
Richard aged 49 years. A
much loved and sorely
missed busband of Jenny
and father of Charles and
Allson. A great triend to so
many people. Funeral
Service planned for
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CLAYTON - Gwendolen
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SEE, A Memorals Service to be held at a later date.
COXON - Dr. Mary Wynne heloved Mother of Sally.
Sandy and Clare. died auddenly on Wednesday Pebrusary 14th, at the John Radcliffe Hospital. Oxford Cremation for Chiperal Service in Exeter Codinge Chapel. Oxford on Sally Februsary 17th at 10 am followed by Cremation at Oxford Crematorium. Family flowers only. denations for Taylor House. Cheshire House for Disabled Sindents may be sent to Reaves & Pain. 285.
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Jame Elitabeth, much loved wite of Frank, dear mother of Carls and Sheigh, towing granny of Rebecca and Rachel, Fumeral Service in Buchlyde Parish Church on Monday 19th February at 19m. thereafter in Chydebank Crematorium. North Dainoitar, to which all friends are respectfully invited. Family Dowers only please. Donations in Ben of Dowers, if desired, to RNLL

POWER, IN GENERAL DE PROTECTION OF THE PARTICLE OF STATE OF THE PARTICLE OF TH human being. Gremation at Exeler Grematorium on Tuesday 20th Fabruary at Agan. Friends who was to attend welcome. Flowers it desired or domations to the Parkinsons Disease Association. Enquiries to Mitchell Fungeral Directors. King William Street, Exeler.

GODDARD - Suddenly but peacefully in North Devox District Hospital, Sarresupte on 10th February, Geoffrey Freeman ICC.S.G., ages 85. Much loved grandfather and great-grandfather, and father Much loved grandfather and gener of Anthony. Theress, Catherine. Dizzy and Margaret. Now re-united with his beloved wife climbeth, and soon to be granted Ebernal Rest. Small ramby funeral at All Saints Roman Catholic Church, Heransm. on 20th February. No flowers please, but donations if desired to Wimbledon Checkirs Homes.

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GREEN - Peacefully at home on 15th February. James Roger of Littlebrook. Lyonshall. Hereford. Most dearly loved Husband of Arm. Cremation retwine. A Memorial Service to be amounted inter. If desired donations for Lyonshall Church may be sent to Dawe Bros. 115 Westining Street. Hereford.

HAMESY - L.H.A. Ovario on February 14th Aged 87. Deleved husband of Tory, son of Clement and Arnabel, at their new house Min House Nursiag Home. Great Ryburgh, NR21 CED. Cremation private. Themisquing Service to be ampounded.

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HESELTINE - On 14th February, 1996. at Southampton General Hospital, winiam Wassay, aged 78 years. Dearly loved by all his family, Private cremation. A Service of Thanksgiving will be held at Stakes Charch. Sway, on Friday, 25rd February at 12 noon. Family Govern only please, donations if desired to R.N.L.I. c/o Diamond & Son Funeral Directors. Lymington, 401890, 672060.

HURST - Robert Jack exMiddlesex C.C. 1954-51 on
10th February, dearly loved
husband of Eva. much loved
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LOWELL - Caroline Maureen, peacefully in New York. February 14th 1996, much loved and greatly missed by her Bother. Maureen Dufferin and her three adoring children. Evgenia, Ivana and Steridap.

MARRY - Mr Robert Manhy died pescerally in hespital on 12th February 1996. Much loved father of Christine, Melder and Quinten and devoted pariner of McColette Dumez. Flowers to John Nodes Pumeral Service. 28 Station Terrace. Rensal Ries. NW10 SRP. before Wednesday 21st Pelvrary.

MARSHALL - On Valentine's Day, suddenly but peacefully, in her Sixt year, Mary, Lady Marshall of Leeds, eliest child of the late Robert and Edith Barr of Shadwell House, Leeds, devoted wife of the late Frank, Lord Marshall of Leeds, beloved mother of Angela and Virginia and lowing sramy to Apachale, Goodic, Robert, Marshaz and Pally, Funeral, and Trankogiving Service on Wednesday 21st February at Holy Truthy, Hottles, York at 11.30 am followed by private cranation, Family flowers only.

MARSHALL - Norman Bertram (Freddy) FRS., Emeritus Professor of Zoology in the University of London. Died peacefully February 13th 1996, beloved husband of Oiga, greatly loved father and grandfather. Fuheral 2 pm Thursday 22nd February, All Saints Church, Great Chesterford, Faculty Bowers only. Donations if desired to Schools Outreach C/o National Westratuster Bank, pp 660.

Faulkner, K I: Ford, C A; Gaisle, B M B; Gasper, S L P; Gilbert, D H;

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\*\*AdMANUS - Victor.

Journalist. at home, 10th
February. Fest of our Lady
of Lourdes. Husband of
Cambrine, father of Deirdre. Souther, Mass. Sacret Heart Church, Wimbledon, Monday 19th February, 10am. Requirem in Pacs. Enquiries: (0181) 843-2366. GORGELI. - Doughe statenty on 6th February in Perrogal, bushand of has, father of Cotta, Marien, Raymond and City. Cremation took place in Portugal on 14th February.

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ROWE - Myrtle Shella, of Westerham FMI, Kent, died on February 13th, Beboved wife of the late Peter, devoted mother of Bridget and her busbend, Ma, much loved grandma of Peter, Reception of coffin into St Mark's Courch, on Sunday, 15th February at 7.15pm with Service. Private cremation followed by Service of Tourisaying for Myrtle's life at St Mark's Church. Biggin Hill on Monday, 19th February at 2pm and afterwards of the church hall. Colourful the preferred. Family flowers only please but domains it desired to St Mark's Church. The N.S.P.C.C. or Imperial Camer Research.

SABIN - Howard Westcott (Barrister) aged 79 years, much loved husband of Jame, dearly loved father of Care, Pritip and Jeremy and grandsafter of James, Sam and Hugo and great-grandsafter of Ben. A private crosportion has taken place. A grandfather of Sen. A private cremation has taken place. A Service of Thanksgiving will be held at St Columba's Church. Post Street. London SW1 on Friday 25rd February 1996 at 12 mom. Donalions if desired to a checity of your power choice.

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DEATHS BMART - "Ted" Edward George Smart passed peacefully away, after a short Blasse on 23rd January 1996 aged 83. Beloved husband of Doris and much loved father of John, Catherine, Anits, Avril and Andrew.

THOMAS - David Monre, on 15th February at Walinghoi, aged 80 pears. Much loved husband, father and grandps, Funeral at Contem Church on Tuesday 20th February, at 2.30 pm. No mourning. Family flowers only.

FRIPP - "Coo" George died psucchally on 14th February in Exeter, Fluesal Service at the URC, Southern Hay, Exeter, 2.15 pm on Wetherday 21st February, No flowers, but any Conations please to Tear

TVSDALL - On February
14th, with great courage,
Moo, aged 65, widow of
Michael, loving mother of
Christopher and Sarab,
stepmether of Mark and
Kate, and much loved
grandmother of Edward,
Henry, William and Church,
Funeral at Ghelsea Old
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Williams - Alice Esther
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WOODHEAD - On February
15th in hospital. David
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All Sames Carren, wenger, Thursday Pebrusty 22nd at 2 pm followed by private remainen. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Ward 26 Pund, Bristol Royal Infirmary c/o Keith C. Britton & Son, Funeral Directors, 10 Eigh Street MEMORIAL SERVICES

PERCIVAL - The Memorial Service for Robert, formerly consultant obstetricies and gymecologist at The Royal London Hospital, will be used at St Denstan and Alf Sainbe Church, Stepney, London E1 on Friday Merch 1st 1996 at 12 noon.

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### John James, CBE, businessman and philanthropist, died on January 31 aged 89. He was born on July 25, 1906.

IOHN JAMES was a self-made millionaire who built from scratch two mighly profitable businesses. His first was the Broadmead chain of radio and television shops, new outlets of which sprang up across the country during the postwar boom in the rental business: Then, having sold Broadmead in 1959, James started all over again with the John James Group of Companies, with interests in the building, manufacturing and investment industries.

James came to prosperity relatively. business until he was 40. Once he had made money he enjoyed spending it. and there were winter homes in Jamaica and Palm Beach, as well as a Spanish-style house at Ascot, set in 45 acres on the edge of Windsor Great. Park Plunging himself, as he did in his mid-fifties, into an entirely unfamiliar area of business was typical of James. He relied on no man's judgment but his own and, where some tycoons surrounded themselves with a protective layer of lawyers and secretaries. lames preferred to do his own sums.

John James came from a close but poverty-stricken family, the son of a ... aner-turned-docker in Bristol, who was frequently unemployed. James discovered early on that he would have to find his own money for whatever he wanted in life, and he did odd jobs as a how to buy such necessities as footballboots. He was educated at Merchant Venturers School, getting there by winning a scholarship.

Lying about his age, he joined the Royal Air Force after school in order to learn about wireless, which fascinated him. In the mid-1930s he left the RAF to become a sales assistant in a radio shop in Bristol. before being called up on the outbreak of war, and serving as a radio operator. His prospects on being demobbed, with a wife and four children to support, were not good.

He had, however, been saving hard since he was a boy, and he used the money to open his own radio shop. He had on his side a boom in the radio trade, coupled with a sound knowledge of radio technology. He did his homework thoroughly, obtaining every available balance sheet of firms. dealing in radio, and reducing their. confusing columns of figures to simple-

Sheikh Muhammad

Hamid Aba al-Nast,

Supreme Guide of the

Musiim Brotherhood.

died in Cairo on his

birthday aged 83. He was

January 20, 1913.

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# JOHN JAMES



studying the art of window-dressing, siting, stock and selling methods. He discovered that there was a better chance of selling a radio or television set in a constituency which returned a Labour MP rather than a Conservative, and that there were fashions in radios: what suited a worker in the Midlands would not go down well in London. James also realised that many people who wanted a radio already had a broken set at home. He offered them the chance to rent a radio set, if they would give him their old broken one, which he then repaired.

Within a year, James had a dozen shops in the Bristol area and having bought the Broadmead Wireless Comparty for a few thousand pounds. Broadmead became the name of his business. Every weekend he asked for His first instinct was to stick to what reports from his branches, and this he knew, and to build another radio allowed him to spot trends in different : and television retail chain. Two things

Although sometimes criti-

cised for the low profile he

chose to keep as the Brother-

hood's figurehead, Abu al-Nasr's dedication to its cause

suited him to the role. His .

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direct - descendants - of - the

prophet Muhammad and, at

the age of just 20, he pledged

his allegiance to the Brother-

hood. From then on he worked

for the organisation in various

capacities, eventually being

appointed a member of its

founding body.
In 1954 the Brotherhood was

banned by the recently-elected President Nasser after an

assassination attempt had

been made on him in Alexan-

dria. In a move to suppress the

Brotherhood, Abu al-Nast

was arrested and imprisoned:

He spent the next 19 years in

parts of the country and to switch stocks over the weekend in order to meet demand. In 1949 he drew up a ten-year business plan, at the end of which period he aimed to have one

thousand Broadmead shops. In fact, when he sold his interests in the Broadmead chain in 1959 for £5.8 million, he owned only 300 shops, though this still made him one of the biggest radio and television retailers. Broadmead was merged with the Firth Cleveland group of engineering, manulacturing and retail companies that year, and James was given a seat on the board. He did not need to sell, but the offer was a good one and he preferred to take the capital, and to face the challenge of starting out all over

the third Supreme Guide of

Umar al-Tilmasani, he was

predecessor's non-confronta-

tional, non-violent approach and under his leadership sup-port for the brotherhood was,

some say insidiously, built up.

Significant inroads were made

into the middle-class struc-

tures of the educational estab-

lishment, the professional

associations, the media and

the judiciary.
The Brotherhood under his

guidance continued to reclaim

Islamic law in a progressive

manner. Social change was

sought from within the cur-rent system. Though still tech-

Brotherhood was tolerated by

President Mubarak as a coun-

chosen in his place.

the Brotherhood, Ustadh Islamic fundamentalist

Abu al-Nasr adopted his predecessor. Anwar Sadat.

dissuaded him from such a course. First, the high start-up costs of kitting out shops with the expensive new colour television and, second, the decision of the Government in 1966 to replace investment allowances, for which James's business had previously qualified, with investment grants, for which they did not.

Instead, as his interest in the radio business waned, his preoccupation with investment grew. He discovered that he was a talented operator on the stock market, with a nose for a profitable share. This was fortunate. because his early years in another side of the new John James Group of Companies - manufacturing - were not a success. Appointing Sir Edwin ("Ted") Leather, the former Conservative MP. as head of the new John James (Industrial) in 1965, James had set about pumping money into small firms in the West Country, including a Worcestershire printing company, a steel office-furniture makers and builders merchants. Leather resigned two years later, after a disappointing performance from his division, which had been particularly badly hit by the slump of the winter of 1966-67.

However, James's new group of companies eventually found its feet, and came to comprise a dozen busi-nesses, in the building, engineering, manufacturing and investment spheres. They prospered during the 970s, and James sold the group, in 1979 for £25 million.

James never really retired, and he kept a close eye on the operation of the two charitable trust funds which he had set up to provide a regular income for projects in the Bristol area. He was known locally as a generous benefactor, as capable of giving modest but appropriate sums to particular hard-luck cases which had reached his attention as he was of writing a large cheque for a school. Education was a particular enthusiasm of his and he gave money to independent schools in Bristol to provide free places for children from poor homes. He also gave large sums to hospitals - £300,000 to the Harefield in Middlesex, El million for a scanner to the Frenchay Hospital in Bristol, £4 million to the cardiac surgery unit at Guy's Hospital in London. He was appointed CBE in 1981.

James's first marriage to Mollie ended in divorce, and his second wife Margaret died in 1991. He is survived by two daughters, a son and another daughter having predeceased him.

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Under Abu al-Nasr's guid-

ance, the Brotherhood won

places in parliament twice in

the 1980s when they cam-

paigned for seats under the

wing of legal opposition par-

ties. Their slogan "Islam is the

solution" stood out for its

simplicity among a riot of more colourful campaign

In 1993, however, the Broth-

erhood refused to ratify

Mubarak's bid for a third

term and by 1995 Mubarak had turned descisively against

them. This was done partly

with an eye to circumventing

political gains which the Brotherhood might make in

forthcoming elections in which candidates were to be

allowed to stand as individ-

But the Brotherhood was

also increasingly becoming an umbrella group for more mili-

tant organisations and it was

accused of terrorist links with

extremist fundamentalists.

Many Brotherhood members

were apprehended and Abu

al-Nast was faced with fierce

internal debate as youthful

members of the organis-

ation called for him to

adopt a more confrontational

Abu al-Nasr died at a cru-

cial time for the Brotherhood,

but the attendence of tens of

thousands of people at his

burial procession bore testi-mony to the respect in which

he had been held. Delegations

from Muslim Brotherhood or-

ganisations in Jordan, Syria

and some European countries

He is survived by two sons

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# THE REV DONALD HARRIS

The Rev Donald Harris, Vicar of St Paul's. Knightsbridge, 1955-78, died on January 20 aged 91. He was born on August 4, 1904.

DONALD HARRIS was a priest of considerable pastoral gifts that never perhaps found as wide a fulfilment as they should have done. Appointed to the fashionable West End living of St Paul's, Knightsbridge, when he was 51, he spent the rest of his active ministry there, retiring at the relatively late age of 73. A man of private means, he then went to live in a smart Westminster flat, where for the next IS years he remained a generous and convivial host to his many friends. If it was not quite the culmination to an eminent career that many of them had expected - he had been Archdeacon of Bedford before moving to Knightsbridge - this was largely because he was wholly unmotivated by worldly ambition.

Donald Bertram Harris was educated at the choir school of King's College, Cambridge, and from there went to Haileybury. In 1923 he re-turned to King's as a choral scholar. Having trained at Cuddesdon, he served his title at Chesterfield Parish Church and went on to St Mary the Less, Cambridge, for his second curacy. He was appointed to the King's College living of Great Greenford in 1936.

While he was at Greenford, Sir Albert Richardson was chosen to be the architect of the new Holy Cross church, built (1939-41) next to the medieval church in order to cope with a vastly expanding population.

Harris moved to St Mary's. Bedford, in 1945 and was

appointed in addition Archdeacon of Bedford in 1946. In 1955 Bishop J. W. C. Wand of London (a fellow Anglo-Catholic who was to retire later that year) appointed him to St Paul's, Knightsbridge, where, of Harris's two immediate predecessors, one had become an archbishop in Australia and the other an English suffragan bishop and then a diocesan one. Yet, for reasons that remain obscure, Harris himself - despite his long incumbency — was not even made a prebendary of St Paul's Cathedral.

His 23-year ministry at St Paul's was essentially a pastoral one. Princess Margaret was among those who sought his counsel, and with many of the men and women who came to see him he formed lifelong friendships. He was widely used as a confessor, not least by priests. He was a wellknown conductor of Retreats and president of the Association for Promoting Retreats. 1968-71. From time to time he chaired selection conferences of ordination candidates.

He did not take kindly to some of the directions in

which the Church of England was moving during the last part of his life. He always possessed a streak of impatience, noticed particularly when he was puncturing something he took to be pompous or over-formal. But he would not be impatient for long. A man of good humour, he was never difficult to amuse and he brought laughter to any social occasion.

Although he was mentioned in connection with one or two senior appointments, none ever materialised. This may have have been his own choice. On one occasion he was sounded out about allowing his name to go forward for a suffragan bishopric. He declined by return of post. He never allowed himself to pon-

der what might have been. Although he grew increas-ingly tired, he was active until his death. At the time of the VE-Day anniversary of last year he returned to Holy Cross, Greenford, to preach a sermon he had first delivered there 50 years before. And his last visit to St Paul's, Knightsbridge, was on the second Sunday of last October. The present vicar, the Rev Christopher Courtauld, had invited couples who had been married at St Paul's to the Choral Eucharist that day: Lord Runcie preached, and Donald Harris was able afterwards to meet many of those he had prepared for marriage.

He remained the same to the last - making new friends, treasuring old ones and never complaining about anything. He always took pleasure in the good things of life, mixing particularly lethal cocktails that often sent his luncheon guests out woozily into the afternoon. He was unmarried.

# **KEITH BRADING**

Keith Brading, CB, MBE, Chief Registrar of Friendly Societies, 1972-81, died on February 2 aged 78. He was born on August 23, 1917.

KEITH BRADING was a civil servant who developed over the years from an expert in his given subject to a great enthusiast. In a sense he was a man with two careers. From the moment his official life was over, he used the freedom given to him by his retirement to become a great protagonist of the ideas and principles of mutuality, especially as reflected within the Co-operative movement. It is doubtful if anyone in modern times has done more to try to make the ethical ideas and trading prac-tices first pioneered by Robert Owen seem relevant to the

modern world. Brading was educated at Portsmouth Grammar School and on leaving joined the Estate Duty office of the inland Revenue. The war soon interrupted what was already a promising career. Although thwarted in his ambition to enlist in the Marines, he was eventually called up into the

There, as an RNVR lieutenant serving in the vital role of a flight direction officer, he saw service both on Atlantic convoys and in the Mediterranean - but he also took part in some cloak-and-dagger ex-ploits in Norway, where he became a liaison officer with the Norwegian Resistance. For this work he was awarded the MBE (mil).

In the Navy he also met a young Welshman, Bill Mars-Jones (later Mr Justice Mars-Jones), who encouraged him to take the Bar exams. This he did successfully and was called to the Bar by Gray's Inn in 1950, the same year that he, slightly confusingly, joined the Solicitor's Office of the Inland Revenue.

He was appointed Assistant Solicitor in 1962 and, on his transfer to the Registry of Friendly Societies in 1969, became first Assistant Regis-

trar, attaining the top job as Chief Registrar and Industrial Assurance Commissioner in

In these twin latter positions Brading quickly developed a thorough understanding of building societies and co-operatives which enabled him to act as a regulator of great integrity, while at the same time relating closely to the societies within his charge. His knowledge of the law relating to Friendly Societies and Industrial and Provident Societies was second to none.

But it was not merely a question of technical expertise. His enthusiasm for the ideals of mutuality in general - and



those of building societies and co-operatives in particular meant that he remained closely connected with both sectors ollowing his retirement in

The affection and respect he had gained within the movements was marked in the early 1980s by his appointments as a vice-president of the Char-tered Building Societies Insti-tute and of the Building Societies' Association and as a president of the Society for Cooperative Societies (to whose journal he was a regular and valued contributor). He assisted several housing associations, in particular the Kensington Housing Trust, of Mary.

1987 to 1992. He was Chief Registrar in the late 1970s when the Co-

which he was chairman from

operative Development Agency (CDA) was set up and he shared the disappointment of many when that body failed to realise the great hopes that had been placed in it. His dream - and brainchild remained, however, the bringing together of all the disparate co-operative organisations under one national umbrella. This he achieved by two steps. He chaired the legal working party of the CDA inter-Sector Forum and was determined not to let slip the first chance this century for the co-operative sectors to discuss matters of common interest, most importantly their biggest common problem - the archaic state of laws

governing co-operatives. He also played a leading role in the discussions which led to the formation in 1991 of the United Kingdom Co-operative Council (UKCC), which for the first time brought the various strands of the cooperative movement in one coordinated body. As the first chairman of the UKCC, he continued to promote the interests of the co-operative movement, his important contribution being further recog-nised in 1993 when, at the conclusion of his term as chairman, he was chosen as life president. He had been appointed CB while still in official harness in 1974.

He lived long enough to see the historic moment at the **UKCC Council last November** when the co-operative sectors agreed a detailed report on desired changes in co-operative law. One thing, though, saddened him in his later years - and that was the recent change in the status of building societies and their eagerness to become high street banks. He was due to have attended a meeting on the problems occasioned by demutualisation only a week

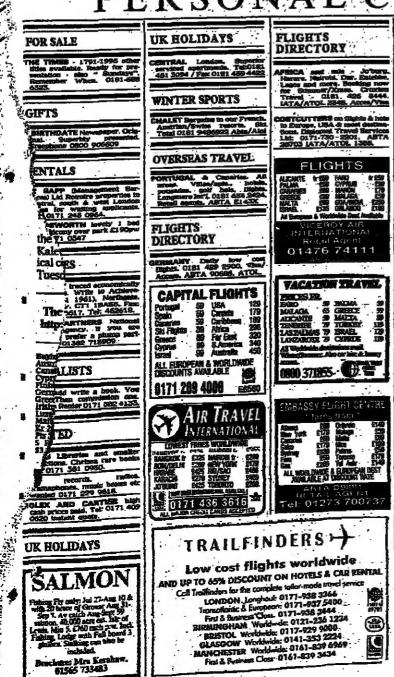
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### 12 ATOMIC POWER STATIONS TO BE BUILT GOOM. PLAN FOR NEXT 10 YEARS

Plans for building 12 nuclear power stations during the next 10 years, at a cost of about £300m., were announced by the Government yesterday. It is hoped that building of the first two stations will start in 1957, and that they will come into operation about 1961.

The output of electricity from all 12 stations

will equal the product of between five and six million tons of coal, and the cost of production at first will be about the same as at present. The intention is to supplement rather than to replace other forms of fuel such as coal. The White Paper points out that new

technical developments may lead to more rapid progress than has been forecast in the provisional programme; on the other hand, the programme may be too optimistic because the stations may take longer to build or cost more than has been estimated. Nevertheless, the Government consider that

those risks must be accepted, because "the development of nuclear power has reached a stage where it is vital that we should apply it commercially with all speed if we are to keep our position as a leading industrial nation and reap the benefits that it offers." It was emphasized by Mr Geoffrey Lloyd,

# ON THIS DAY

# February 16, 1955

In announcing plans to build 12 nuclear power stations, the Government stated that it was the intention to supplement rather than to replace other forms of fuel such as coal.

Minister of Fuel and Power, in the House of Commons yesterday, that because of the nation's rapidly growing need for power, nuclear energy will supplement and not replace other forms of fuel; that coal mining vill "remain one of the major employing industries of the country".

Although the decision to go ahead with a nuclear power programme does not depend on precise comparisons of cost, the White Paper shows that the cost of nuclear power should not be greatly different from the cost of power from coal-fired electricity generating stations. The demand for energy, particularly in the

form of electric power, and increasing difficulty in producing the necessary quantities of coal, themselves would justify a great effort to

build up a nuclear power system.

The stations will be built by private industry for the electricity authorities, who will own and operate them.

The United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority, as the only body with the necessary experience, will be responsible for giving technical advice on the nuclear plant. British industry and consulting engineers have as yet no comprehensive experience of nuclear technology. They face a major task in training staff, creating the necessary organization, and

designing the stations.

The AEA, while giving as much assistance and advice to industry as possible, will remain primarily a research and development organization and will continue to design, build and operate pioneering types of power reactor—the atomic furnace". They will also be responsible for buying uranium, fabricating the fuel elements, processing the used fuel and extracting from it the photonium (a byproduct of the fission process).

From about 1965, the White Paper suggests. it might be economically desirable to build nuclear power stations instead of coal-fired

# NEWS

# Major backs ministers over Scott

John Major was last night standing by ministers subjected to sweeping criticisms of deceiving Parliament and undermining democracy in the Scott report on the arms-to-Iraq affair.

The Prime Minister let it be known that he had no intention of sacking William Waldegrave in the face of a finding by Sir Richard Scott that he had deliberately kept MPs in the dark about a secret shift on policy towards Iraqi arms exports. He was reported to be equally determined to defend Sir Nicholas ..... Pages 1-3, 18, 19, 30-33 Lyell, the Attorney-General .....

### IRA bomb snarls up West End

An IRA suspect bomb brought the West End of London to a standstill hours after the Provisionals' leadership confirmed that their terrorist campaign against Britain would continue. The device, in a hold-all, was defused.

### Survivor dies

Eva Hart, one of the last survivors of the 1912 Titanic disaster, has died at 91. Other survivors paid tribute to her determination that the wreck should be respected as a marine grave......Page 4

### Heart surgery first

A medical team in Bristol has become the first in the world to carry out a two-stage heart operation which could spare thousands of patients the trauma of open-....Page 6 heart surgery.....

# Untraditional Lords

The first register of Lords' interests shows that they are more likely to be able to run an investment bank than call a pack of hounds to heel and potter round their estates .... ....Page 8

### Magic moment

A wailing witchdoctor wearing a leopardskin brought Heathrow to a standstill. Chief Nicholas Gcaleka is here to hunt the head of an ancestor .... .... Page 10

### War will break out as global warming leads rival nations to

Warming war

fight for control of dwindling water supplies, a British climate scientist said .... .. Page 10 Rocket fizzles China's 426-tonne Long March 3B rocket, carrying an American-

made satellite, veered into the

ground and exploded 20 seconds

event was fully covered on the Internet ...

### Quis custodiet?

Almost the entire senior management of Morocco's customs office has been charged with fraud and smuggling after a crackdown on racketeers and drug traffickers ... ...Page 11

### Yeltsin to run

President Yeltsin ended months of speculation about his political future when he announced in Yekaterinburg that he would be a candidate for re-election in June's presidential poll ...... Pages 12, 19

EU investigation The European Commission is hoping to decide soon about Michael Emerson, alleged to have exploited for personal gain his posting as EU Ambassador to .. Page 12

### Bargain bonanza

The doors of more than 2,000 shops in Dubai opened for the biggest sale in the world, with compulsory price cuts of up to 70 .. Page 14

### Skids under Samper President Samper of Colombia is

one step closer to impeachment after the Attorney-General charged him with drug-related electoral fraud .... ... Page 14

### Dole on the run

Five days before the New Hampshire primary, polls show Steve Forbes plummeting while Pat Buchanan and Lamar Alexander ....Page 11 close on Robert Dole...... Page 14

BUSINESS Economy: Cheaper mortgages and discounts in the sales forced inflation down to 2.9 per cent in January from 3.2 per cent in December. The fall reinforced hopes of another cut

.....Page 23

Rentokil: Shares in BET, the business services group, soared as Rentokil announced that it was in merger talks with BET \_\_\_. Page 23 Gramada: The television and motorway service station group raised

in interest rates...

almost 20 per cent......Page 23 Markets: The FT-SE 100 index rose 34.8 points to close at 3779.8. Sterling's trade-weighted index remained unchanged at 84.2 after a fall from \$1.5385 to \$1.5375 but a rise from DM2.2597 to

its stake in Yorkshire-Tyne Tees to

### Boxing: The British board of control allowed the cruiserweight title bout between Terry Dunstan and Dennis Andries to stand even though Dunstan was over the

SPORT -

... Page 44 Cricket: The world once deferred to England when it came to one-day cricket. Now the pioneers are at risk of a mortifyingly swift exit from the World Cup ....... Page 44 Football: Craig Whitington, the Huddersfield Town forward, has been charged with misconduct by the FA after failing a drug test on two separate occasions .... Page 44

General: England and Wales will start cloudy. There will be some rain and drizzle, especially in the North and over western coasts and hills.

During the morning, brighter weather will edge south with some sunshine. Scotland and Northern Ireland will

be showery but with some sunshine. Showers over northern Scotland will

turn wintry and more prolonged over the hills later.

London, SE England, E Anglia, Central S England, Channel Isles, SW England: patchy rain and drizzle

clearing. Wind west, moderate becoming northwest. Max 10C (50F).

### Athletics: Diane Modahi gave the first public indication that she intends to resume her international career when she ran a road race in

What if? The Almeida Theatre in Islington has mounted a stunning new production of Craig Raine's 1953, which updates Racine's Andromaque to a hypothetical era when Hitler and Mussolini rule ..Page 33

Awayday opera: It is, says Rodney Milnes, now cheaper to hop on Eurostar and go to the opera in Brussels than it is to book for Covent Garden..... ...Page 34

A disappointing dive: Amanda Roocroft, heavily promoted as the new operatic star, failed to impress at Wigmore Hall .... ....Page 33

Pop on Fridey: David Sinclair charts the rise of Scottish singer Edwyn Collins and reviews new albums by Lou Reed and Maria McKee ... Page 35

The second second

# Bruce Oldfield with models at Claridge's yesterday when he presented his spring/summer 1996 conture collection

Grey matters: Joe Joseph on why age has not withered feminists such as Germaine Greer, Shere Hite, Betty Friedan and Nancy Friday, but has made people warm to them as they grow old gracefully \_

The green marchioness: Tracy Worcester, who last weekend led a walk along the proposed route of the Newbury bypass and regularly hosts eco-gatherings with Sir Crispin Tickell, tells Valerie Grove now she wants to change the

Jewish family matters: Rabbi Julia Neuberger on a survey showing that it is family background, rather than Jewish schools, which causes Jews to associate with the community in later life.....

The play's the thing: How school drama and concerts improve pupils' self-esteem, knowledge and ense of cohesion ......Page 39

For the peace in Bosnia to last and to have meaning, it must re-establish a minimum of justice ... Governments are mistaken if they think that they can build a lasting ice by drawing a line und crimes which offend against human conscience and the laws of war before the corpses have even been exhumed from the frozen graves of Bosnia - Le Monde

Preview: The comedy ensemble returns with characters old and ned. The Fast Show (BBC2, 9pm). Review: Lynne Truss on a cacophonous foray into the insect .. Page 43

### Round one

ian Lang picked his way through the Scott report with the aplomb of one who had a map of a minefield that others - Opposition and press - could not yet have mastered. That advantage will not last for long. Sir Richard found ministers to have acted like fools. He did not. crucially, conclude that they were

### Yeltsin again

It would be wrong to count on the incumbent's return. Western politicians must learn to work with whomever is elected in Russia: open backing for Mr Yeltsin may indeed be counter-productive in this nationalist age Page 19

### Floreat Serena

It is the gentle footfall of Gucci rather than the third of Plod's size thirteens on Brighton's cobbled lanes that now strikes fear among the town's villains \_\_

### SIMON JENKINS

Scott set out to build a mountain over a molehill. He abandoned all sense of proportion and adopted the mien of a self-confessed "naive" outsider.

### PHILIP HOWARD

"If we of the Church are going to network with and be a partner-inchange with other parts of society," said the slippery Slope, "then we must learn to speak their language of management and share our own theological jargon. Jargon after all is merely a way of e-mailing grid references for concepts"..... Page 18

John James businessman and philanthropist. The Rev Donald Harris, Vicar of St Paul's, Knights bridge, Keith Brading, Chief Registrar of Friendly Societies: Sheikh Muhammed Abu al-Nasr, Supreme Guide of the Muslim Brotherhood ...... Page 21

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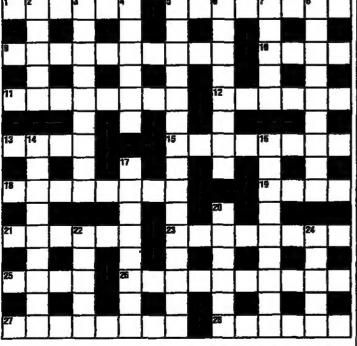
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Prince, but now only as an uniterable symbol, has matried if

Minneapolis. His wife is a Puerto Rican bellydancer, Myte

Garcia. The exchange of vows was complicated: Miss Garcia

had to point at a representation of Prince's symbol. The happy



- I Some junk it's cheap, tawdry art 5 Want to mark the important place
- on map? (8). 9 Having lost a packet, he's a miser
- 10 Sounds like postman? (4). 11 Working to a T ensures accuracy
- 12 Depression as result of divorcing first husband (6).
- 13 Secure release of disheartened saint (4).
- 15 Game bird gets new home assembled on return (8). 18 What was made by Christian pair
- a battle-axe? (8). 19 People take part in contest (4). 21 Thin lengths of wood coming to a
- point (6).
- 23 Way rhymes go round in time of
- need (5.3).
- Solution to Puzzle No 20.091

- 25 Cut reduced so sign on staff (4). 26 Go into detail about right for emigrant (10). 27 Incombustible mineral like tung-
- sten extracted from gifts (8).
- 28 Speak earnestly and softly, and
- come across (6).

### DOWN Divine humour from Irish comic

- heard on radio, initially (5). 3 Hurry has spoilt barrelled beer (5.1.3).
- Permits a number to go with expedition (6). 5 Aboard ship sailor smooths down
- bunk that's standard (5,3,7). 6 Warning triangle set out (8).
- 7 Small character part provides relief (5).
- 8 Elevate film set and SF movie becomes suitable for screening (9). 14 A produce store set up in stronghold (9).
- 16 Common way to communicate official policy (5,4). 17 Being so impassioned, affected
- even them (8). 20 Bird and sheep frolic about (6). 22 Weapon left in general's keeping
- 24 Greek story for Americans (5).
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☐ Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Argyll, N treland: some sunshine at times. Showers, turning prolonged later. Wind west becoming northwest, strong. Max 6C (43F).

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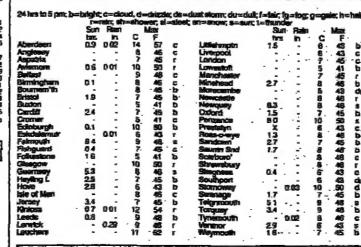
northwest, strong. Max 6U (43F).

Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee,
Aberdeen, Moray Firth: sun, showers. Wind west becoming northwest,
strong to gale. Max 5C (41F).

Central Highlands, NE Scotland, NW Scotland, Orthrey, Shetland: mainly cloudy. Rain and sleet.
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becoming northwest. Max IU. (2017).

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